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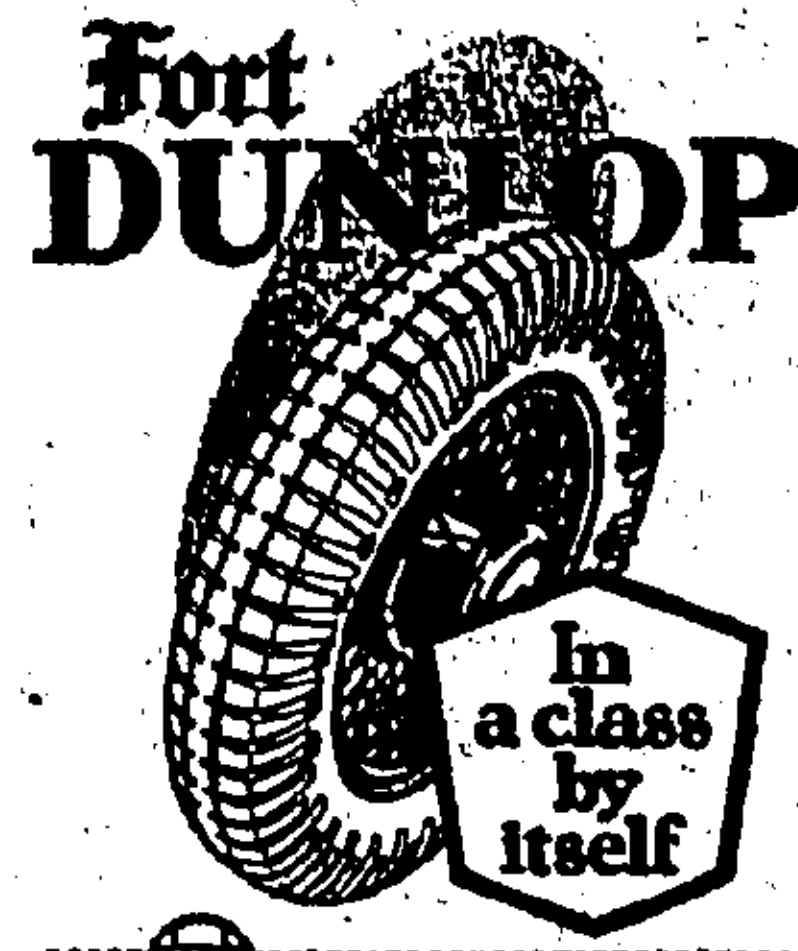
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JAPANESE WITHDRAW FROM MIAOHONGCHEN

BOTH SIDES SUFFER SEVERE LOSSES

ALMOST A DIRECT HIT ON JAPANESE FLAGSHIP

TERRIFIC ARTILLERY DUEL

HUNJAO AERODROME WITH MANY PLANES COMPLETELY WRECKED.

Shanghai, To-day.

Japanese losses in the recent offensive have been the heaviest since the beginning of hostilities. It is now officially admitted that casualties amount to three hundred killed and wounded.

Chinese losses, though not computed, are believed to run into thousands.

HAIL OF STEEL FROM CHINESE GUNS.

A veritable hell popped up to-day as the Chinese started a heavy bombardment on all fronts. The hail of steel was the thickest yet showered on the northern area, where numerous Japanese and Chinese civilians have been killed and wounded, including two Japanese school teachers. Property also has been damaged and lurid clouds hang low over Chapei and Hongkew following the major conflagrations, the result of shellfire.

SUCCESS CLAIMED BY BOTH SIDES.

Both sides are claiming successes. The Chinese affirm that the Japanese have commenced to retreat before their counter attack.

The Japanese, however, declare their advance has proceeded according to plan, excepting a slowing up due to the appearance of Chinese troops on their extreme right flank. Japanese operations are only a few hours behind schedule, because the Japanese are showing every regard to the Settlement's safety.

Experts emphasize that the Japanese advance, through Kiangwan in the direction of Tazang, if followed by a flanking movement to the left, is sure to threaten the Chinese defenders in Chapei cutting the latter off from their Headquarters in Chenju. If such a threat develops it will obviously be necessary for the Chinese to withdraw from Chapei.

This, apparently, is part and parcel of Japanese strategy designed solely to safeguard residents in the Settlement bordering on Chinese territory.

SHELLS FALL IN VICINITY OF JAPANESE FLAGSHIP.

Several shells fell in the Whangpoo, near the Japanese flagship "Idzuma" moored near the Consulate.

Shells are passing so close to Astor House that many guests have preferred sitting in the lounge below instead of going to bed.

A shell hit the Italian warship "Libia" without causing much damage.

Dixwell Road Police Station is in flames.

The 88th Chinese Division of Chiang Kai-shek's famous bodyguard have definitely participated in the fighting. This has been established through identification of steel-helmets and other insignias belonging to dead soldiers.

A Chinese aircraft, attacked by a superior force, engaged in a thrilling battle but later dived down in flames.

HUNJAO AERODROME WRECKED.

Shanghai, (10.40 a.m.) To-day.

At 9.30 this morning, eight Japanese aeroplanes flew over Hunjao Aerodrome, which is six miles from the Western extremity of the Settlement, and dropped twenty-five bombs, completely

REPORTED CHINESE VICTORY IN SHANGHAI

HOW HONG KONG CHINESE CELEBRATED THE DAY

INTENSE CRACKER "BOMBARDMENT."

Just before noon to-day news appears to have been received by the Chinese in the Colony of a great victory secured to Chinese arms in Shanghai. There were many reports current — The Chinese Army had broken through the Japanese forces and routed them with heavy loss of life. The Japanese forces had been evacuated from Shanghai and re-embarked on warships. And a Japanese general has been killed.

These reports up to the time of going to press, have not, however, been confirmed by cables we have received from Shanghai.

Be that as it may, as soon as the news was broadcast, the Chinese expressed happiness in characteristic Chinese fashion. They indulged in considerable and universal firing of crackers.

It must be a long while since Hong Kong has been subject to so intense a "bombardment" as then occurred. It is said to have been even greater than at a New Year's festival. At any rate, it lasted for over two hours, and, even now, as we go to press, the bursting of an occasional bomb and the sharp crack of crackers are to be heard.

The firing of crackers and bombs started shortly before noon in the city and soon spread all around and about. Even junk and launches joined in, and Kowloon and suburbs were not slow to follow in the general rejoicings. Streets were soon covered with a carpet of red — the litter of crackers which had exploded in sheer happiness.

Pamphlets with the latest "war" news were stuck on to trees and placed on view in shop windows, and were read by hundreds, with great enthusiasm.

Parties of Chinese, were seen going about in motor-cars, throwing lighted strings of crackers on to the roads, through which they passed. And Chinese offices and dwellings, were soon bedecked with Chinese National and other flags.

In connection with the firing, we learn that a Chinese man, living on the ground floor of 8, Tai On Terrace, was arrested by a Shantung constable, and taken to the Police Station, where he was released on bail of \$10. On the way to the station, the constable is said to have been attacked by a crowd and beaten.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IN GERMANY.

Hindenburg's Opponents.

EX-KAISER RUMOUR.

(Reuter's Special Service.)

Von Hindenburg will have three opponents in the Presidential election next month—Herr Hitler, the Nazi Leader; Colonel Duestenberg, Leader of the "Steelhelmets"—organisation; and the Communist Leader, Thaelmann.

It is believed none of these have even a remote chance against Hindenburg.

Colonel Duestenberg was wounded in 1900 in the Boxer Campaign and also during the Great War. Stories have been circulated

ILLEGAL DIAMOND PROSPECTING.

S.A. Government Takes Action.

ARMoured CAR EMPLOYED.

(Reuter's Special Service.)

Port Nolloth, Yesterday. Illegal diamond prospecting has reached such serious proportions that Government has despatched an armoured car, equipped with a powerful searchlight and Lewis gun, to deal with the situation. Nineteen Europeans have already been arrested.

Port Nolloth is a seaport in Namaqualand, Cape Colony, South Africa.

that the ex-Kaiser, or one of the Hohenzollern family might stand, but such reports are dismissed here as fantastic.

destroying the aerodrome. It is believed that all aeroplanes in the hangars were destroyed.

ARTILLERY DUEL.

Chapei spent a restless night and there was severe artillery bombardment from both sides, but the situation is comparatively quiet this morning.

JAPANESE FORCES COMPELLED TO RETIRE.

During the night, Chinese forces to the North of Kiangwan carried out an encircling movement of the Japanese right wing and heavy fighting ensued, in which the Japanese admit having sustained 40 killed and 60 wounded. The Japanese have withdrawn slightly, leaving the village of Miao-hongchen.

TO-DAY'S AUSTRALIAN CLASSIC AT HAPPY VALLEY

TWO NEW RECORDS

GOVERNOR'S CUP WON BY SADKO.

"ROOTY HILL DERBY."

From the start, Season Ticket and The Baron got into the lead, but the latter dropped back, Season Ticket still leading when passing the Black Rock, where Zadderday was seen to come up, with Polar Star. In the straight, Polar Star passed Season Ticket to win by three quarters of a length. Friar Tuck took third place, The Baron being hopelessly left.

To-day is known at the race course as Australian Derby Day, by virtue of the running of the "Rooty Hill Derby" for Australian ponies. The distance is 1½ miles, the same as was covered by China ponies, yesterday, in the Hong Kong Derby.

The race next in interest to-day is the Governor's Cup, the eighth race on the programme, which was run just before the "Aussie Derby." Weather conditions are good and the course remains on the fast side.

In the first race to-day, the Kalgan Plate, two novices, Messrs. Butler and Carroll, secured second and third places, and the few who backed them had reason to congratulate themselves. Whoopee, Mr. Butler's mount, returned a pari-mutuel dividend of \$130.20 for second place, while Sunbeam (Mr. Carroll up) paid the handsome sum of \$484.40 (second biggest of the present meeting) for third place. Helter Skelter's win, too, was not generally anticipated, with the result that he returned \$47.30 for a win and \$19.20 for a place.

In the cash sweep for the first race the numbers played the unusual trick of coming out in consecutive order. Thus No. 282 secured the first prize and No. 283 the second, while in the draw for \$50 prizes for unplaced starters, Nos. 95, 96 and 97 turned up.

A dead-heat for second place, between Dee and Gold Ring, featured the Tientsin Stakes (second race) which was won by Meridian Star. It was an exciting race, but not fast when compared with the record for the mile.

The highest pari-mutuel dividend in the third race, the Coral Plate (Australian ponies), was \$38.80 for third place, which was paid by Westland Stag (Quincey up).

Diana Day's 1¼ miles record of 2 mins. 30.2/5 secs. by Glen-eagles in the Exchange Plate (fourth race), in which Mr. Hill rode a well-judged race to come in a canter, three lengths in front of Hetman in second place.

The fifth race, the Royal Navy Cup, which was the race before tiffin, was a fast affair over about one mile and 171 yards. Bisters won comfortably by three lengths in 2 mins. 17 secs.

In the American Club Cup (seventh race) Doctor's Mandate created a big sensation by bettering by 2/5 secs. his own new record for the distance of about one mile and 171 yards set up yesterday morning in the Tyro Stakes (third race). The day old record was 2.14.1/5 secs. and it was 1.4/5 secs. better than Fortune Bay's record of 2 mins. 16 secs. set up last year. Doctor's Mandate's latest record for the distance is 2 mins. 18.4/5 secs.

In spite of Sitting Bull's record breaking performance yesterday, he was unable to get the better of Sadko over a shorter distance in the Governor's Cup (eighth race). Sadko won comfortably by two lengths, while Coronation Eve, the third pony, gave Sitting Bull a hard

TO-DAY'S RESULTS.

1.—The Kalgan Plate.—Winner \$760. Second \$500. Third \$200. For China Ponies, Subscription Grifins of this Club of this Meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners of a race of six furlongs or under, barred. Other winners 7 lb. penalty. (Jockey Allowance). Entrance \$10. Five Furlongs. Helenide's Helter Skelter 152 lb. (Mr. Clark) 1. Jacques's Whoopee 150 lb. (Mr. Butler) 2. Wong-Ping-ahnn's Sunbeam 147 lb. (Mr. Carroll) 3. 28 Starters.

2.—The Tientsin Stakes.—Winner \$760. Second \$300. Third \$200. For China Ponies, bona fide Grifins of this Meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners 7 lb. penalty. (Jockey Allowance). Entrance \$10. One Mile. Kong Bros.' Meridian Star 161 lb. (Mr. D. S. Li) 1. Mackie & Grayburn's Dee 155 lb. (Mr. Clark) 2. L. T. F.'s Gold Ring 151 lb. (Mr. T. Y. Tung) 3. 18 Starters.

3.—Dead Heat. Won by 1 length. Time: 2 mins. 02.3/5 secs. Pari-mutuel.—Winner \$1600. 1st Place \$7.20. 2nd Place \$2.20. (Dee) \$13.30. (Gold Ring) \$13.30. (Continued on Page 6.)

CASH SWEEPS

Race 1.

No. 282 \$673.40
" 283 192.40
" 405 96.20

Unplaced ponies \$50 each.—Nos. 209, 615, 17, 118, 163, 39, 97, 623, 125, 453, 96, 109, 203, 535, 3, 403, 101, 499, 49, 257, 636, 96, 172, 218, 15.

Race 2.

No. 122 \$1,250.20
" 208* 267.90
" 364* 267.90

*Dead Heat. Unplaced ponies \$50 each.—Nos. 302, 345, 32, 354, 495, 437, 564, 42, 563, 607, 446, 480, 286, 623, 592.

Race 3.

No. 98 \$1,513.40
" 121 432.40
" 137 216.20

Unplaced ponies \$50 each.—Nos. 158, 347, 31, 605, 432, 506, 234, 86, 512, 539, 218.

Race 4.

No. 585 \$1,545.20
" 236 137.20
" 304 263.60

Unplaced ponies \$50 each.—Nos. 601, 84, 462, 239.

Race 5.

No. 254 \$1,703.80
" 522 486.80
" 322 243.40

Unplaced ponies \$50 each.—Nos. 264, 47, 40, 763, 607, 557, 400, 482, 574, 600, 652, 542, 240.

Race 6.

No. 358 \$3,080.00
" 69 880.00
" 476 446.00

Unplaced ponies \$50 each.—Nos. 223, 1007, 488, 983, 181, 581, 1104, 1128.

Race 7.

No. 699 \$3,161.20
" 1227 903.20
" 1163 451.60

Unplaced ponies \$50 each.—Nos. 1151, 614, 420, 35, 1071, 504, 535, 690.

Race 8.

No. 349 \$3,063.20
" 503 875.20
" 456 497.60

Unplaced ponies \$50 each.—Nos. 311, 353, 792, 370.

Race 9.

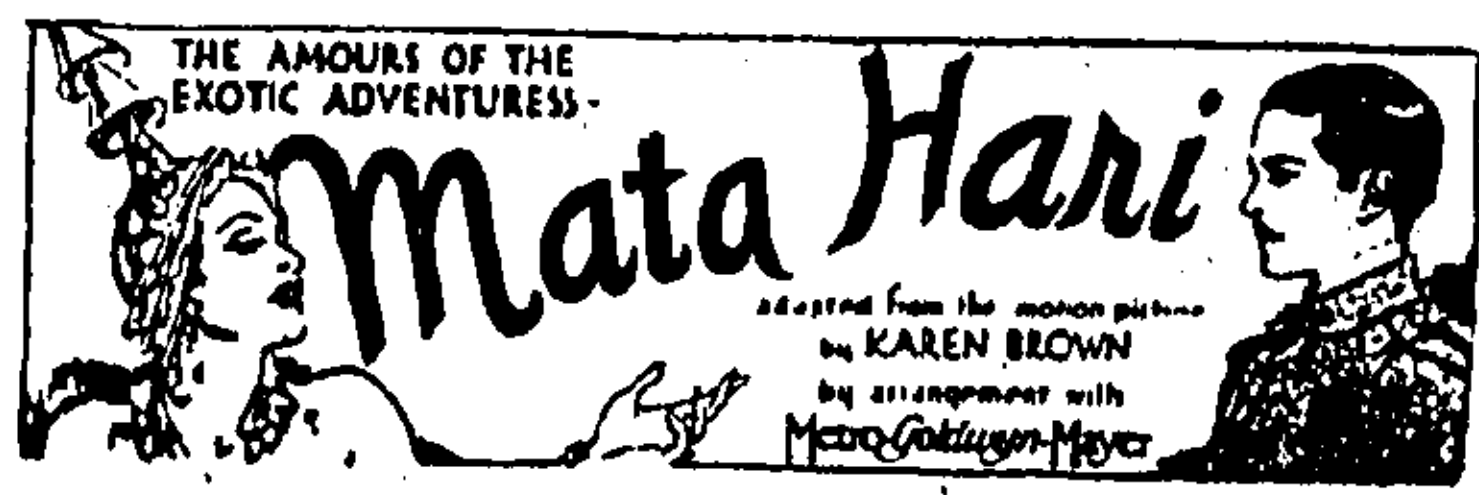
No. 875 \$7,461.60
" 133 2,137.60
" 304 1,068.80

Unplaced ponies \$100 each.—Nos. 911, 912, 855, 612, 989, 1216, 856, 226.

Won by short head, short head. Time: 1 min. 16 secs. Pari-mutuel.—Winner \$47.30; 1st Place \$19.20; 2nd Place \$180.20; 3rd Place \$484.40.

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Chapter II.

WHAT HAS HAPPENED SO FAR

Alexander Rosanoff, an aviator in the Russian secret service, delivers a packet of confidential papers to the Russian Embassy in Paris and persuades Colonel Shubin, ranking Attaché, to take him to see the famous Mata Hari perform an exotic dance. Afterwards, Shubin leaves to decode the messages, but Rosanoff asks a chauffeur to point out Mata Hari's car.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY

THE PAVILION.

HE was prepared to find that the chauffeur did not know. But the man pointed to a maroon-coloured car and said:

"That is Madame Mata Hari's."

In a lower voice, the driver added, "I can take you, Monsieur. This is a taxi."

To Rosanoff, who had had only the vaguest plan beyond inquiring, this seemed an omen. A fatalist, like so many Russians, he abandoned himself to coincidence. Leaving the details to the chauffeur, he began to enjoy in perspective the zest of the pursuit. Shortly after, Mata Hari came out accompanied by several men in uniform and stepped directly into her car. Then his driver leaned back to tell him that he had heard her say, "The Pavilion, where Madame goes frequently." Rosanoff was delighted, for it had occurred to him that a private residence or Mata Hari's own house might present many difficulties to his entrance. Now there were none that he could see and he appeared to be headed for an exhilarating interlude.

There was no traffic at all on the Faubourg. He could just make out the car ahead and he thought but was not sure that at intervals he heard the thrub of a car following. They crossed a bridge, the stone arches above and their reflections in the black mirror of the Seine forming perfect circles. Rosanoff tossed his cigarette into the water and a shadow arch broke into little ripples. Ahead of them lay the Place de la Concorde. At this point they met other taxis, there were a few lights and some people in the streets, and they lost the maroon-coloured car. The driver, however, seemed sure of his direction. They turned up the Champs Elysees and had gone on quite a long time, the way growing dimmer and dimmer. As Rosanoff was about to question the driver, the crunch of wheels on gravel told him that they had arrived.

They were in front of an old house half hidden by trees. It looked imposing but a little shabby and there were no particular signs of gaiety other than flickers of light at the upper windows. Rosanoff had half a notion that the driver had tricked him. He did not believe that Mata Hari would waste her exotism on this desert air. Nevertheless, the man had departed, he was alone on the street and with a sinking premonition of disappointment, he went in.

A flight of steps led from the street level to a cloakroom and a desk just as in a provincial hotel. An attendant pushed a pen and a book toward him.

"You are a member, Monsieur?"

"No."

"You will have to register, please."

The attendant then indicated that the gaming-rooms and the bar lay across the hall.

As soon as Rosanoff had gone, however, the servant transferred his name to a card and, leaving the desk, chose a door which was partly concealed by a wooden screen. It opened into a small, bare office. Two people stood there, Mata Hari, leaning against a desk, smoking, and Adriana, the owner of the place. Adriana was short, gray-haired, with frozen gray eyes and a little gray goatee. The man silently placed the card before him and went away.

"Alexander Rosanoff," he read. "Do you know him?"

"Not yet."

Mata Hari wore a jewel-encrusted collar about her neck from which her dress fell away. Sometimes she moved and lazily shrugged the pendant golden width of one sleeve into place on one shoulder. The other was hidden and both sleeves hugged her arms to the wrists. Sometimes she leaned forward, the width slid off the shoulder. Her glistening back was bare to the waist. Below, the dress shone like a burnished armour. Her eyes were half-closed against the smoke.

Adriana, who appraised her charms professionally, said, "You look very well to-night, my dear."

To which she replied without emotion, "All the same, I am sure I was followed. Do you know that Dubois came to see me dance?"

"He's watching you?"

"Ever since the submarine job."

"I'm afraid the French authorities are very much annoyed."

"Hm. You knew about that affair?"

"... and I knew."

"And Carlotta. If I were you, I'd look into Carlotta."

"I will. And into you, too," said Adriana simply. "Tell me this: if you thought you were being followed, why did you come here to-night?"

With a hint of malice she replied, "Because I was told that you wanted to see me particularly and because you've always taught me that personal danger is never to be considered in the performance of duty."

"You enjoy it, don't you?"

"What else do you think I do it for? The money? I have my choice of bank accounts."

"Still, thirty thousand marks for a few papers is a great deal."

"To me, no!" she said superbly. "No one would dare to offer me less! Many have offered me more. I have my court and my courtiers, the decrepit de Signac, Caron with tears streaming from his eyes at will, Ambassador B— you have to see him eat to form an opinion of him—the Prince with eyes of a pig and the mouth of a coward, a grand duke, a great musician. And I hate them all! I am bored with all men."

"Too many victories, my dear. A surfeit. You're capricious, a little mad ... and we have work on hand. Is Shubin still among your admirers?"

"Shubin! Oh ... how simple, Adriana!"

"Not so simple. It is a question of shipments of munition from Archangel," he said in a matter-of-fact tone. "We want the ship lists and the ports of embarkation. I am informed that Shubin got them to-day."

"You will have them to-morrow," she replied in the same tone.

Adriana lit her a fresh cigarette. She did not leave through the door behind the screen but through an ante-room in which she opened another door that led to the ladies' dressing-room. No one was there but the maid. Mata Hari nodded to her, then regarded herself with intense, searching earnestness in a full-length mirror. She then crossed the hall to the bar.

Rosanoff was sitting at the bar, disconsolate, when he saw her. She was incomparably graceful, incomparably practised. She knew just how to place her foot so that the plait golden stuff like a limber golden skin clung smooth about a thigh. Her every movement was a challenge to the dress to cover her, an unconscious reminder of the beautiful unveiled in the dance, the more stirring to the senses in that the dress did actually hide it.

She took a chair two places away from Rosanoff, apparently without even noticing him, and it was then that he discovered that he had not observed her face. At the dance he had been too dazzled and too far away. Now, her profile was toward him. The light melted over it and into the skin, and he found that the longer he watched it the more he was powerless not to watch it. It was not that the face was so lovely. You could admire a beautiful face without warmth, acknowledge its perfection and forget it. But hers was one of those faces which have the power of drawing the eye, similar to flowing water, with the suggestion of a scarcely perceptible mobility.

Some men had inevitably gathered about her at the bar. Among them, Rosanoff recognized the old Marquis de Signac, tottering on legs as thin as broomsticks. He envied him, for the old man like the rest knew Mata Hari. She insisted that he drink a toast to her in champagne.

"But I'm not allowed champagne," the old man demurred. "It's bad for my heart."

"One little sip, papa!"

"But it's bad for my—"

"That's where my lips have been."

She put the glass directly to the Marquis's lips. He drank and choked. Rosanoff found that she could laugh. He laughed, too.

She then turned and looked him full in the face, a long, impersonal, heavy-lidded stare, as if she were examining a statue in a museum and would then go on to the next statue. Her eyes did, in fact, travel on.

The next instant she exclaimed brusquely. With an elbow she had upset her glass. The wine was spilt in a wide puddle across the mahogany of the bar. A man with a pointed gray beard called a waiter and said, "I hope it hasn't spotted your dress, my dear."

But Mata Hari appeared already to have dismissed the incident from her mind.

"You say you never gamble, papa?" she inquired of the Marquis.

"Good. Then I shall gamble for you. I feel lucky."

Rosanoff moved behind her to the tables as if pulled by a string. At first there were no other vacant places and he took up a position where he could watch her and hear her.

"We'll start with five thousand," she said.

"Five thousand?" repeated the Marquis weakly.

"Isn't that enough to begin with?"

"Faites vos jeux!" called the croupier.

She lost it all and Rosanoff thought that the Marquis would faint. Mata Hari declared, "We'd better have another five thousand."

Seemed to be going through a routine mechanically and paid no attention to the play. This time, there was a slight delay before the croupier made his announcement. One of the "pretty ladies" of which

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 855 metres (845 K.C.s):

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5-6.18 p.m.—Siegfried Idyll (Wagner), Brun Walter and Symphony Orchestra (LX79-80).

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Dreamy Nights in Honolulu, Frank Ferera (3744).

5.32-6.10 p.m.—A Concert.

Kawaihau, Honolulu ... Hawaiian Silver String Quartet (5481).

Cello Solo—Tarantelle (Popper), W. H. Squire (L2371).

Piano Solo—Etude in C Sharp Minor (Chopin), Harriet Cohen (D1632).

Vocal Duet—The Sweetest Flower That Blows (Peterson & Hawley), Marigold (Dowson & Bealy), Dora Labadie and Hubert Elsdell (DB157).

Violin Solo—Bourree in B Minor (Bach), Tijuca—Saudades Do Brasil (Milhaud), Joseph Sziget (D1633).

Song—Waltzes from Vienna—Love and War (Carter & Strauss), Dennis Noble and Chorus.

Song—Waltzes from Vienna—For We Love You Still (Carter & Strauss), Marie Burke (Soprano) (DB820).

Banjo Solo—Progressions (Fillis) ... Len Fillis.

Instrumental Trio—Anita (Pollack & Clara), Len Fillis, Al. Bowley and Sid Bright (5698).

6.10-6.41 p.m.—Band & Orchestra Selections.

The Two Imps (Alford), Dancer of Seville (Grunow), Sir Dan Godfrey conducting the Bourmouth Municipal Orchestra (9505).

The Thistle (Myddleton arr. Winterbottom), Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards (9102).

Partita in E (Bach-Wood), Sir Henry J. Wood conducting the New Queen's Hall Orchestra (DX10).

Stealing Thro' the Classics No. 1—The Masters (arr. Somers), Debroy Somers' Band (DX237).

6.41-7.32 p.m.—Variety.

Humorous Song—Virginia (There's a Blue Ridge in my Heart), He's Tall, Dark and Handsome, Sophie Tucker assisted by Ted Shapiro (4942).

Humorous Monologue—Mr. Potter Visits Southend, Gillie Potter (5067).

Orchestral—Bitter Sweet—If Love Were All, Bitter Sweet—Bitter Sweet, Jack Payne and His B.B.C. Dance Orchestra (5443).

Vocal Duet—Just a Dancin' Sweetheart, Wrap Your Troubles in Dreams, Layton & Johnstone (DB825).

Band—Goddeases, The Mock Hobby Horse, The National Military Band (DB574).

Humorous Song—Sitting at a Table Laid for Two, Parkin' in the Moonlight, Florence Oldham (DB823).

Organ Solo—Devotion, Fleeting ... Terence Casey (5384).

Chorus—Take it From Me, The Sunshine Boys (DB809).

7.32-8 p.m.—Operatic.

Piano Solo—Rigoletto—Paraphrase (Verdi arr. Liszt), Irene Scharrer (DB76).

Organ Solo—Frederick—O Maiden, My Maiden (Lehar), Frederick Wayside Rose (Lehar), Quentin M. Maclean (DB277).

Piano Solo—Rosenkavalier—Fantasy on Love Themes (R. Strauss arr. Granger), Percy Granger (DB28).

8 p.m.—Local Time.

8.05-11.30 p.m.—Relay from the Ko Shing Theatre.

11.30 p.m.—Close Down.

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TO-MORROW—The Ring.

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ADVERTISED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and King's Restaurant; Dinner Dances at Hong Kong, and Peninsula Hotels and King's Restaurant.

Saturday—Craigengower Cricket Club Annual Bachelors' Dance, Entertainment.

To-day—King's Theatre: "Doctors' Wives."

To-day—Queen's Theatre: "Up For The Cup."

To-day—Central Theatre: "Tarzan the Tiger."

To-day—Majestic Theatre: "Monkey Business."

To-day—Star Theatre: "New Moon."

To-day—Harmston's Circus, Reclamation Ground, Wanchai.

Home Malls.

To-morrow—Outward for Europe via Siberia (Asama Maru), 8.30 a.m.

Meetings.

February 26—Star Ferry Co., Ltd., Messrs. Jardine Matheson's office, 12.30 p.m.

February 26—Kowloon Residents' Association, St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon, 8 p.m.

February 27—Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, 1 Queen's Road, Central 11.30 a.m.

Feb. 29—Humphreys Estate and Finance Co., Ltd., Hong Kong Hotel, 11.30 a.m.

March 2—Dairy Farm, Ice & Cold Storage Co., Ltd., 2, Lower Albert Road, 11 a.m.

March 2—Hong Kong Realty & Trust Co., Ltd., Exchange Building, noon.

March 4—Hong Kong Benevolent Society, Sanitary Board Room, Post Office Bldg., 11 a.m.

March 9—Hong Kong Telephone Co., Ltd., Exchange Bldg., 2nd floor, 11 a.m.

March 16—Hong Kong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., 1, Queen's Building, 11 a.m.

March 18—Hong Kong & Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., annual meeting, Exchange Building, 11 a.m., extraordinary meeting, 11.30 a.m.

March 23—Hong Kong Electric Co., Ltd., P. & O. Building, 11 a.m.

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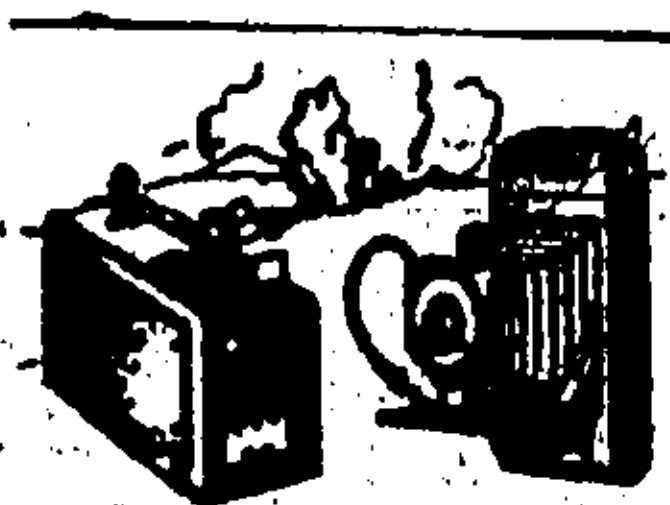
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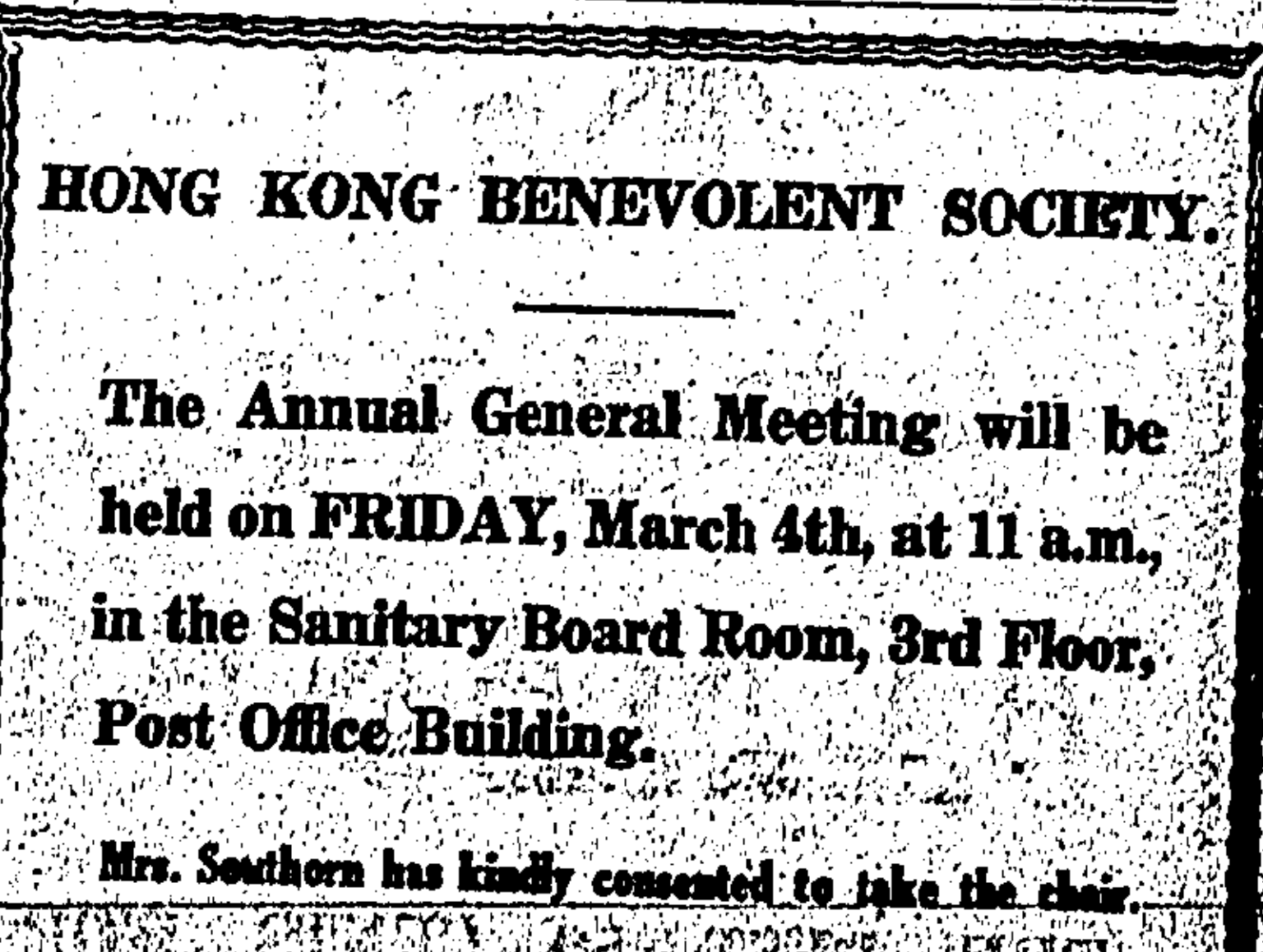
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YESTERDAY'S HOCKEY.

An enjoyable game of hockey was played at King's Park yesterday afternoon between mixed teams representing the Recreio and the C.B.A., and resulted in a win for the latter by four goals to one.

German Club Lose.

On the home ground, yesterday afternoon, the University defeated the German Club by the odd goal in three, in a friendly hockey encounter. The Germans led by the only goal scored at half-time, but in the second half, toward the end, the 'Varsity netted in rapid succession.

SOUTH AFRICANS DEPART.

"The Golden Chains of Friendship."

Representatives of the four home Unions were present at the farewell lunch at which the South African Rugby team were guests on board the Union Castle liner Arundel Castle at Southampton. The tourists later sailed for Cape-town.

Mr. Theo Pienaar, the manager of the South Africans, said the tour had been a wonderful experience. "We in South Africa had formed a high estimate of the manhood of your country," declared Mr. Pienaar, "and you have not fallen below that estimate. Sportsmen of a better type could not be found anywhere. You have made a great impression on us. This is a genuine message from our hearts."

"We thank you for everything you have done for us, your wonderful hospitality, and we are bound to you forever with golden chains of friendship. Records from the football point of view are nothing as compared with records from the sporting point of view, and if we have succeeded in some measure we are very proud. We thank the great public of this country for the kindness you have shown us, and we leave with great regret."

Proposing the toast of "The Springboks," Mr. Walter T. Pearce, president of the Rugby Union, said the shortness of the tour was a reminder in a way of the brevity of a footballer's career on the field. But if the Springboks' time in these islands had been short they were full of happy triumphant memories. "In our particular pastime," he said, "we share in the pride of the performances of any side which plays the game as the Springboks have done. They established a clear ascendancy over the sides they met in Great Britain and Ireland, and the two lessons which stand out above any others are that the ball needs constant companionship to understand and master its vagaries, and that the old-fashioned belief in the scrum being one integral whole, and not three divisions, must be re-established."

Old and recent generations, he said, were glad that the South Africans had demonstrated beyond all doubt that eight forwards working together, striving for the united shove and heave, would always beat a scrum made up of three independent rows one of which frequently did not join the shove and heave. They in the home countries had been making the game too easy. Back-row forwards were now almost purely obstructive in their intentions, and consequently half-back and three-quarter play had declined. He did not deplore the results of the South Africans' matches if they brought home to the present generation of Rugby players the real necessity for a return to ancient principles and for physical fitness.

VARSITY SPORTS.

The Annual Athletic Sports Meeting of the University will be held on Saturday, March 5, 1932, at 1.30 p.m., on the University ground, Pokfulam. There will be a Half Mile race open to the Colony (post entries).

CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

"ZIMMY"

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Zimmy grew up to a tender age in blissful ignorance of his misfortune, but, when his mental faculties began to operate, he determined not to permit his physical disadvantage to stand in the way of his progress; consequently he undertook to perfect himself in certain lines of endeavour which are far beyond the accomplishment of the fully normal person, and so rightfully earned for himself the cognomen of his "Half-man" Wonder.

He has perfected himself in the extremely difficult science of swimming and diving, and has no equal to-day in navigating on the water. It is here that he surpasses his normal brethren. Placed on an equal basis in the water, he will outstrip them, in long distance swimming, high and fancy diving, and endurance tests while submerged in the water.

Zimmy holds world's records in all aquatic sports, and has performed before the crowned heads of Europe and audiences all over the civilised world, just completing an all around the world tour, thus earning the title of "Globe Trotter," when in fact he never actually took a step in his short life.

Of all the handicaps which are inflicted upon human beings, there is none as fatal as the absence of "the will to do." We fail to do many things because we are under the impression that we cannot do them when the only thing that is holding us back is the lack of "the will to do."

Witness Zimmy, who will appear at the King's Theatre from tomorrow in conjunction with the picture programme at each show. They call him the legless wonder. In a large tank he performs many remarkable water feats. He was a contender in the Catalina Island swim, and says that he is going to attempt to swim the English Channel next season.

There is no fake about Zimmy. He gets right out in public and, in regular course, does what is almost as wonderful as his stage feats. He gets around without legs as well as we do with a pair of legs. He is an expert autoist and, perhaps, his greatest feat is in being cheerful. He has a smile that isn't artificial, or that isn't put on for theatrical purposes. Life has done its best to lick Zimmy, but he has come up smiling and has refused to be beaten down.

When you see Zimmy, just ask yourself if Life would not have been more successful in trying to defeat you than it has been in trying to defeat him. Deprived of legs, as Zimmy is, would you have the courage and the perseverance to go out and win your way in the world with a smile on your face and no malice in your heart, because Life hadn't been as fair with you as with most people?

Most of us expect the best of the position when we run our race. If we think we are getting any the worst of it we are bitter in our protests. We complain of our handicaps and gait instead of taking the bit in our teeth and proving to the world that we have the will to do even though we may be physically disqualified. Zimmy is more than a valuable drawing card for a theatre. He teaches one of life's greatest lessons. He typifies the indomitable spirit of man, which can be crushed, and shows us that those who possess that spirit may be blind and yet

MCLELLAN SAVES THE VOLUNTEERS.

E. F. Fincher Undefeated for 35 Runs.

FIRST DAY'S PLAY.

At the close of the first day's play in the match between the Volunteers and the Kowloon Cricket Club at the K.C.C. yesterday the home team were 43 runs in arrears with three wickets in hand. For a full description of the match read "Cover Drive's" article in to-morrow's China Mail.

Scores:—

Volunteers—1st Innings.	
R. H. Griffiths, c and b Burnett	1
E. J. R. Mitchell, b Burnett	19
W. D. Folley, b Burnett	16
A. C. Beck, c Hampton, b Lyl	9
H. Owen Hughes, c and b Burnett	11
D. McLellan, b Skinner	43
F. Baker, c Burnett, b Lyl	5
A. J. R. Wolff, b Goodwin	5
L. D. Kilbee, c Lawrence, b Lyl	9
J. E. Richardson, not out	14
R. R. Davies, c Lawrence, b Skinner	0
Extras	21

Total 153

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Goodwin	12	3	39	1
Burnett	15	2	55	4
Lyl	8	4	31	3
Skinner	5	1	7	2

Kowloon C.C.—1st Innings.
E. C. Fincher, c Wolff, b Owen Hughes

Hughes	16
E. F. Fincher, not out	35
N. A. E. Mackay, b Beck	1
F. E. Skinner, c Griffiths, b Owen Hughes	2
G. Lee, b McLellan	13
F. Goodwin, c Folley, b Wolff	20
G. C. Burnett, b Owen Hughes	0
H. Hampton, not out	0
Extras	4

Total (for 7 wts.) 100
The match will be continued to-day at 1.30 p.m.

F. B. WILSON PASSES AWAY AT 51.

Former Cambridge Captain.

MASTER AT ROSSALL.

London, January 20.
The death occurred last evening of Mr. F. B. Wilson, the old Harrow and Cambridge University cricketer. He was in his fifty-first year. He gained a place in the Harrow eleven in 1899 and often showed splendid batting powers. Against Eton in 1900 he made 79 and 24, and did much to bring Harrow a victory by one wicket. At Cambridge he did little in 1902, but the following season he finished second in the batting averages, scoring 464 runs with an average of 27. In the University match he made 7 and 42. Captain the following year, he hit 46 and 7 against Oxford, and for the season had an aggregate of 529 and an average of 35.26.

Mr. Wilson did not appear in county cricket, but in all first-class matches he scored 1,130 runs. He was also a good rackets and tennis player, and represented Cambridge against Oxford in 1902 and 1903. Afterwards he took up a scholastic appointment at Rossall School.

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3.—The Coral Plate.—Winner \$1,000. Second \$300. Third \$200. For Australian Ponies. Grifins of this Meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners barred. Entrance \$10. Seven Furlongs.

A. E. M. Rafeek's City of Melbourne 158 lb. (Mr. Frost) 1
Leung Wu's Lung Mui 158 lb. (Mr. Clark) 2

Chan Tin-son's Westland Stag 158 lb. (Mr. Quincey) 3
14 Starters.

3 lengths; 2 lengths.
Time: 42 secs.
Pari-mutuel: — Winner \$14.30;
1st Place \$7.50; 2nd Place \$12.30;
3rd Place \$38.80.

4.—The Exchange Plate.—Presented by the Bankers and Exchange Brokers of Hong Kong. Value \$1,000 to Winner. Second \$300. Third \$200. For China Ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners at this Meeting 3 lb. penalty. Ponies that have started in and not won a race of one mile or over at this Meeting allowed 3 lb. Grifins of this Meeting allowed 5 lb. Ponies that have run in at least five Extra Meetings of this Club during 1931, two or three of such Meetings previous to July 1, 1931, and two or three subsequent to that date, allowed 5 lb. Subscriptions Grifins of this Club of this Meeting allowed 10 lb. of previous Seasons allowed 7 lb. Allowances accumulative. Entrance \$10. One and a Quarter Miles.

Aitch Aitch's Gay Crusader 161 lb. (Mr. Heard) 3
L. Dunbar's Glencroft 167 lb. (Mr. Hill) 1
Dynasty's Hetman 155 lb. (Mr. Y. S. Chang) 2

7 Starters.
Won by 3 lengths; 5 lengths.
Time: 2 mins. 40 secs. (Record).
Pari-mutuel: — Winner \$9.60; 1st Place \$5.10; 2nd Place \$5.10; 3rd Place \$5.60.

5.—The Royal Navy Cup.—Presented by the Officers of H.M.'s Navy, with \$600 added for Winner. Second \$300. Third \$200. For China Ponies. Subscriptions Grifins of this Club of any Season. Weight for inches as per scale. Subscriptions Grifins of this Meeting allowed 3 lb. Winners anywhere during 1931 of one race, 3 lb.; of two races, 5 lb.; of three or more races, 7 lb. at this Meeting 3 lb. penalty. Subscriptions Grifins of previous Seasons, that have not won at least two races at race meetings of this Club, barred. Winners of the Garrison Cup at any time, barred. (Jockey Allowance). Penalties and Allowances accumulative. Entrance \$10. From the Two Mile Post Once Round and In (about One Mile 171 Yards).

Lowcock & Lee's Bistre 155 lb. (Mr. Quincey) 1
L. T. F.'s Gold Bar 149 lb. (Mr. T. Y. Tung) 2
Sturt & Lobel's Tango 156 lb. (Mr. Noodt) 3

16 Starters.
Won by 3 lengths; 3 lengths.
Time: 2 mins. 17 secs.
Pari-mutuel: — Winner \$13.50;
1st Place \$7.00; 2nd Place \$9.80;
3rd Place \$8.30.

6.—The Subscription Grifins' Challenge Cup.—Value \$1,000. For China Ponies. Subscriptions Grifins of this Club of this Meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. To be won two years consecutively by Ponies the bona fide property of the same owner or owners. Winner to receive \$600 and 70 per cent. Second \$300 and 20 per cent. Third \$200 and 10 per cent. of the Entrance Fees until the Cup is finally won, when the Second Pony will receive 75 per cent. and the Third Pony 25 per cent. of the Entrance Fees in addition to the place money. Entrance \$10. One and a Quarter Miles.

H. S. Chan's Racing Boy 155 lb. (Mr. Y. S. Chang) 1
Lewis & Tinson's Cy-pres 161 lb. (Mr. Noodt) 2
Bellamy & Gordon's Helvellyn 158 lb. (Mr. A. A. R. Botelho) 3

11 Starters.
Won by 3/4 length; 5 lengths.
Time: 2 mins. 42 secs.
Pari-mutuel: — Winner \$6.20; 1st Place \$5.50; 2nd Place \$6.40; 3rd Place \$46.40.

7.—The American Club Cup.—Presented by Members of the American Club, with \$500 added for winner. Second \$300. Third \$200. For China Ponies bona fide Grifins of this Meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners of one race 3 lb., of two races 5 lb., of three or more races 7 lb. penalty. Subscriptions Grifins of this Club of this Meeting allowed 10 lb. (Jockey Allowance). Allowances accumulative. Entrance \$10. From the Two Mile Post Once Round and In (about One Mile 171 Yards).

D. J. Lewis's Doctor's Mandate 158 lb. (Mr. Noodt) 1
Wauing & Li's Wild Life 161 lb. (Mr. T. Y. Tung) 2
Kong Bros.' Lunar Star 161 lb. (Mr. D. S. Li) 3

11 Starters.
Won by 3/4 length; 12 lengths.
Time: 2 mins. 13.4/5 secs. (Record).
Pari-mutuel: — Winner \$17.40; 1st Place \$5.70; 2nd Place \$5.40; 3rd Place \$6.60.

8.—The Governor's Cup.—Presented by His Excellency the Governor, with \$750 added for Winner.

ner. Second \$300. Third \$200. For China Ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Grifins of this Meeting allowed 7 lb. Subscriptions Grifins of this Club of this Meeting allowed 10 lb. Winners at this Meeting 5 lb. penalty. (Jockey Allowance). Allowances accumulative. Entrance \$10. One and a Quarter Miles.

Reinbek's Sadko 161 lb. (Mr. Dallas) 1
Mrs. Dunbar's Sitting Bull 167 lb. (Mr. Hill) 2
Eve's Coronation Eve 159 lb. (Mr. Heard) 3

6 Starters.
Won by 2 lengths; 1/2 length.
Time: 2 mins. 33.1/5 secs.
Pari-mutuel: — Winner \$139.30;
1st Place \$6.50; 2nd Place \$5.20;
3rd Place \$5.50.

9.—The Rooter-Hill Derby.—A Sweepstakes of \$20 each, \$25 additional for Starters, with \$2,000 added. For Australian Ponies. Grifins of this Meeting. Winner to receive 70 per cent. Second 20 per cent. Third 10 per cent. of the total amount. Weight for inches as per scale. One and a Half Miles.

Kong Bros.' Polar Star 158 lb. (Mr. D. S. Li) 1
L. Reidy's Season Ticket 158 lb. (Mr. Reidy) 2
Monastic's Friar Tuck 155 lb. (Mr. Rothe) 3
Seth's But After That 155 lb. (Mr. Dallas) 0
Chan Wai-sang's Canny 158 lb. (Mr. F. M. L. Soares) 0
Swatow's Choy Pak 158 lb. (Mr. Charles) 0

A. M. L. Soares's Manna 152 lb. (Mr. Noodt) 0
Wong Ping-shun's Sunlight 158 lb. (Mr. Frost) 0
Dyer's Taiping 159 lb. (Mr. Heard) 0
L. A. H. Wright's The Baron 158 lb. (Mr. P. S. Francis) 0
Widdecombe's Zadderday 152 lb. (Mr. Y. S. Chang) 0

Won by 3/4 length; 3 lengths.
Time: 2 mins. 55 secs.
Pari-mutuel: — Winner \$27.10;
1st Place \$10.70; 2nd Place \$11.10;
3rd Place \$56.20.

STATISTICS FOR TWO DAYS.
Below are lists of successful Jockeys and Owners for two days' racing:—

Jockeys.	1st	2nd	3rd
Hill	6	0	0
Y. S. Chang	4	5	2
Frost	2	4	3
Heard	2	2	0
Quincey	2	1	0
McCann	2	0	0
D. S. Li	1	3	3
T. Y. Tung	1	3	0
Clark	1	1	5
Noodt	1	1	0
T. L. Wong	1	0	2
F. M. L. Soares	1	0	0
Reidy	1	0	0
Dallas	0	2	1
Charles	0	1	3
Roth	0	0	2
Ip Kuei-ying	0	0	1
Proulx	0	0	1
G. U. da Rosa	0	0	1
* One Dead-heat.			
Owners.	1st	2nd	3rd
L. Dunbar	4	0	0
Mrs. Dunbar	3	0	0
Chan Tin-son	2	2	1
H. S. Chan	2	0	0
Kong Brothers	1	3	2
Dynasty	1	3	2
Wauing & Lee	1	1	0
Widdecombe	1	1	0
Lowcock & Lee	1	1	0
Grist & Beck	1	0	2
D. J. Lewis	1	0	1
Brish	1	0	0
F. M. L. Soares	1	0	0
Dyer	1	0	0
Wong Ping-shun	1	0	0
A. M. L. Soares	1	0	0
Aitch Aitch	1	0	0
Reidy	1	0	0
Eve	0	3	3
Ho Kom-tong	0	2	1
L. T. F.	0	2	0
A. E. M. Rafeek	0	2	0
Mackie & Grayburn	0	1	4
Mrs. Pearce	0	1	0
Sturt & Lobel	0	1	0
P. S.	0	0	1
Chan Wai-sang	0	0	1
Kwong Sai	0	0	1
Parkson Chan	0	0	1
Lewis & Tinson	0	0	1
Pakhol	0	0	1
Rain	0	0	1
Monastic	0	0	1
* Dead-heat.			

Although an explosion at the works had stripped him of his outer garments and left him dazed and smarting from burns, an Ottawa foreman mechanic put on his overcoat and drove his car eight miles to keep an appointment with his wife.

The wife rushed him to hospital, and after treatment he was able to return home.

SAVING FACE.

Japanese Action in Shanghai.

FRENCH OPINION.

Paris, Yesterday.
While popular anxiety in regard to the march of events in Shanghai is distinctly less acute in France than in Britain and the United States, the French Government's departments are concerned, and are closely watching the situation. French policy remains identical with that of Britain and the United States, namely, the maintenance of the International Settlement and Concession, protection of nationals, and no intervention.

The strength of the Chinese resistance has caused a deep impression, and it is considered that Japan has embarked on a greater adventure than she anticipated, but now that her prestige is at stake she is obliged to tighten the screw and not lay down arms after a partial failure.

It is hoped that the League of Nations, for its own sake, will keep as free as possible from the imbroglio.—Reuter.

DRIZZLE OR MIST.

The Royal Observatory's report issued this morning states:—

The anti-cyclone has strengthened. It is now central over Eastern Gobi. The depression has moved rapidly to the East of Tokyo. Forecast: — N.E. winds, strong; generally overcast, local drizzle or mist.

Rainfall.

Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day nil. Total since January 1—1.78 inches against an average of 2.77 inches—deficit .99 inch.

Temperature.

Hong Kong	59
Macao	59
Pratas Island	68
Manilla	68
Foochow	66
Amoy	66
Chefoo	29
Shanghai	41

ALLEGED MURDER CHARGES.

Two Recent Crimes.

The four Chinese men, Cheung Mun, Cheung Yiu-wah, Cheung Tsun, and Cheung Sau-foo, arrested in connection with the murder of a youth, Tsang Tai-kai, (21), at Victoria Gap Road, made their second appearance, on remand, before Mr. Wynne-Jones in the Central Police Court this morning.

Against Cheung Sau-foo, Chief-Detective-Inspector Reynolds entered additional charges, concerning the murder of Liu Suk-hung, at the old Tai Wan Fort, Hungnam, and the alleged delivery of threatening letters to the two deceased.

His Worship, on the application of the C.D.I., remanded the prisoners for another week, formally.

UNLUCKIEST MAN IN THE WORLD

Everything Goes Wrong With Him.

They say in Pointe Claire, a town near Montreal, that Mr. J. Bristow is the world's unluckiest man. A year or two ago his wife died. Then he had to give up business because of trade depression. He was attacked by a bull and spent two weeks in hospital. His only son was drowned. His two houses were destroyed by fire. He was again attacked by the bull and lay three months in hospital. Just after being discharged he was involved in a motor accident, and out of four occupants of the car was the only one hurt. So now he is in hospital again.

RE-MARRYING FORMER WIFE.

Author Of "All Quiet" Gives Notice At Register Office.

Herr Erich Maria Remarque, author of "All Quiet on the Western Front," has given notice in a Berlin registry office of his forthcoming marriage to his former wife. They were divorced only a few months ago.—Exchange.

BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR.

Largest Ever Yet Held Since 1915.

EXHIBITORS' BANQUET.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The British Industries Fair, which opened in London and in Birmingham to-day, covers an area well over six times that occupied by the first Fair in 1915, and the frontage of the stands of 2,800 exhibitors totals about sixteen miles. The Textile Section at the White City represents a comprehensive display of all branches of the industry, and is the largest exhibition of textiles ever held.

At the Mansion House Banquet to-night, in connection with the Fair, the President of the Board of Trade (Mr. Walter Runciman) addressing himself to exhibitors said, that at the Empire Economic Conference at Ottawa in July, Government would endeavour to extend Empire trade.

They were also anxious, however, not to lose any opportunity of strengthening trade relations within foreign countries. The most recent developments of the policy of the British Government had awakened lively interest abroad. He assured visitors to the Fair that Government wished to cultivate greater freedom of intercourse between nations which he firmly believed to be the only permanent solution of the world's commercial ills. Signs of hope and encouragement were not absent. One such hopeful sign was this great and growing Fair.—British Wireless Service.

THRILLING AIR BATTLE AT SOOCHOW

Chinese Plane Shot Down?

JAPANESE REPORT.

Shanghai, (11.54 p.m.)

Yesterday.
Soochow witnessed a thrilling air battle this afternoon, according to Japanese press reports, which claim that a Chinese plane was shot down.

A large number of Chinese troops are stationed in Soochow and, presumably, Japanese planes intended to bomb the barracks, when Chinese planes took to the air and engaged them.—Reuter's Pacific Service.

FIRE IN QUEEN'S ROAD.

To-day's Early Morning Blaze.

MUCH DAMAGE.

An outbreak of fire, involving three floors, the ground floor of which is occupied by the Tai Cheung Photographers Shop, 290 Queen's Road Central, occurred shortly after five o'clock this morning.

On receipt of a call, three fire engines from Central Fire Station and one from Kennedy Town Station, under the supervision of Mr. H. T. Brooks, Superintendent of the Fire Brigade, proceeded to the scene. On arrival they found the two upper floors well ablaze. After four hoses had been fitted to two hydrants, the "conflagration" was fought from the roofs of neighbouring buildings, and at 5.58 o'clock, the fire was extinguished. The upper floors were seriously damaged by the fire, though not structurally. The ground floor was also badly damaged, there being a lot of photographic gear there. The cause of the outbreak and the extent of the damage to the building has, at present, been unascertained.

JAPANESE ELECTIONS.

Seizukai Party's Overwhelming Majority.

Tokyo, Yesterday.
The final election results are: Seizukai Party 230; Minseitō Party 149; Kōmeitō Party 11; Other Parties 11.—Reuter's Pacific Service.

HOLLAND AND THE SINO-JAPANESE DISPUTE.

FLOTATION OF WAR LOANS.

Export of Arms and Ammunition.

The Hague, Yesterday.
Replying to a question asked by a Socialist in the Lower House, the Prime Minister said, that there was no reason for Government to consider measures to prevent the issue in Holland or in the Dutch East Indies of war loans for Japan or for China.

Referring to the export of arms and ammunition from Holland and from the Dutch East Indies, the Prime Minister said, that Government control, at the present time, was adequate for all reasonable purposes, and that there was no need to make it any stricter and no reason why Government should take special measures. He added, there has been no such export during the present crisis.—Reuter.

INDIA.

Determined Attack on A Police Station.

POLICE OBLIGED TO OPEN FIRE.

Rugby, Yesterday.

Reports received from India, which were surveyed in the House of Commons by the Secretary for India (Sir Samuel Hoare) confirm last week's appreciation, and are particularly satisfactory as regards the North-West Frontier Province, United Provinces, Punjab and Madras. The danger of sporadic cases of violence as a result of Congress demonstrations is illustrated by an incident in the Monghyr District of Bihar and Orissa where a very determined attack was made on a Police Station. It was beaten back with difficulty after a resort to firing. Instances of this kind are, however, of a casual occurrence.

The situation in Kashmir and Jamu continues to improve, but accounts of recent events have intensified communal feeling outside, particularly in the Punjab.

The situation in Burma is generally satisfactory. This is the substance of the statement made by Sir Samuel Hoare.—British Wireless Service.

THE STOIC.

A somewhat stoutish man was walking over Garden Bridge on Sunday morning, when a policeman stopped him.

"You can only go over the Bridge at your own risk, sir," he said. "That's what I do every day, anyhow," was the retort. "Why?"

"Because the Japanese are shooting in this direction," the officer answered.

"Well, that's no reason why I should have to go without my tiffin, is it?" and he trudged slowly over the bridge and is alive to this day for all we know.—N. C. D. News.

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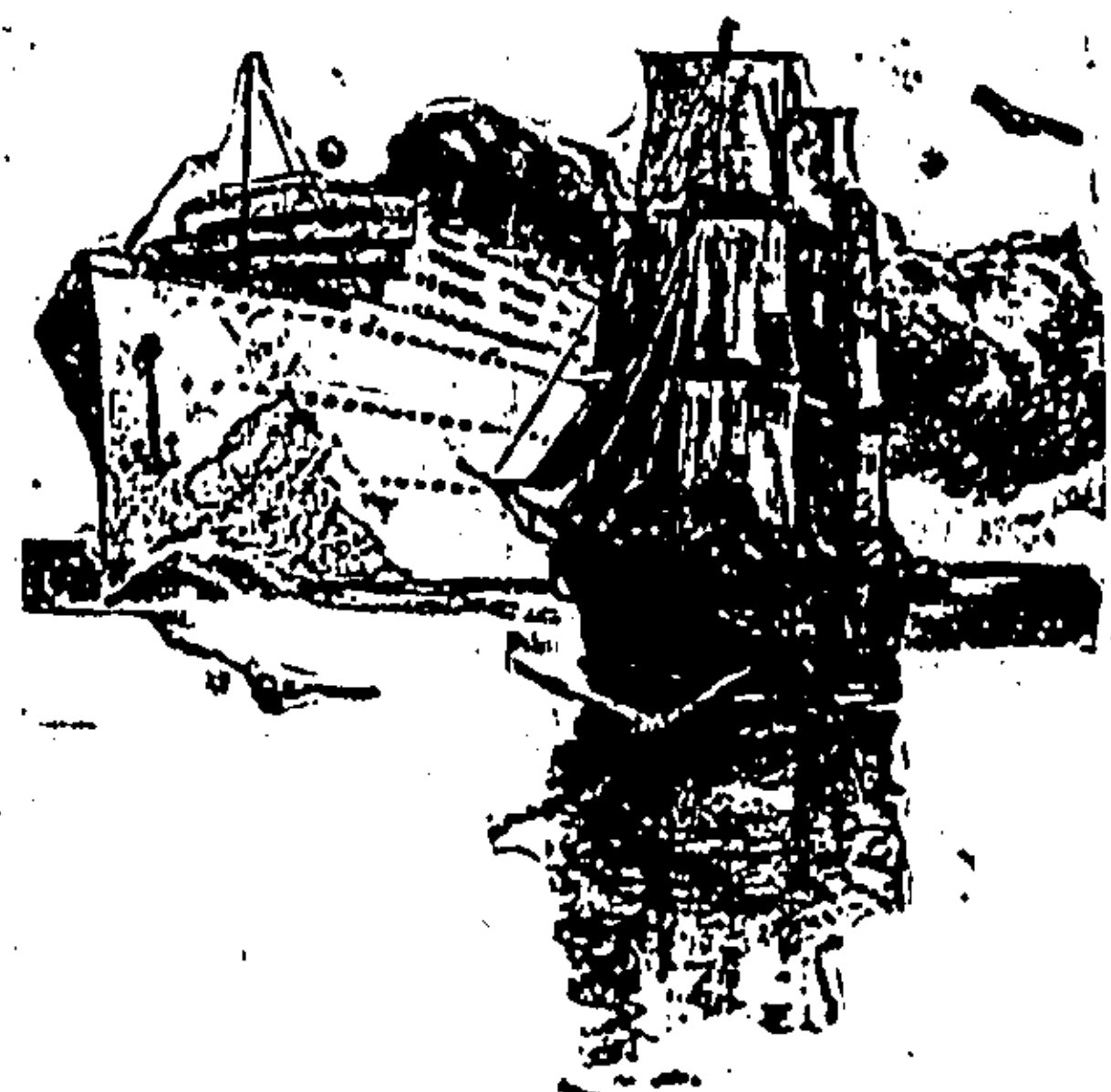
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their kind expressions of sym-
pathy, wreaths, and attendance at
the funeral of Andreza Lisola
Rocha.

The China Mail.

Hong Kong, Tuesday, Feb. 23, 1932.

What Will The Assembly Do?

It is natural that there now
should be speculation in regard
to what the League Assembly
will do, when it meets on March
3. Seemingly, there is but one
thing the Assembly can do,
since the League Council has
exhausted all efforts to effect a
peaceful solution of the Sino-
Japanese dispute. That is, to in-
voke Article XVI ("Sanctions")
of the League. It cannot,
apparently, do more. Can it do
less? It would be presumptuous
to essay an answer to that
question to-day.

At this stage, a close con-
sideration of this much-discuss-
ed Article of the League Coven-
ant should be undertaken, and,
in order that this may be done,
the Article is quoted in full for
the benefit of readers:—

1. Should any Member of
the League resort to war in
disregard of its coven-
ants under Article 12, 13 or
15, it shall *ipso facto* be
deemed to have committed
an act of war against all
other Members of the
League, which hereby under-
take immediately to sub-
ject it to the severance of
all trade or financial rela-
tions, the prohibition of all
intercourse between their
nationals and the nationals
of the covenant-breaking
State, and the prevention of
all financial, commercial or
personal intercourse between
the nationals of the coven-
ant-breaking State and the
nationals of any other State,
whether a Member of the
League or not.

2. It shall be the
duty of the Council in such
cases to recommend to the
several Governments con-
cerned what effective mili-
tary, naval or air force the
Members of the League shall
severally contribute to the
armed forces to be used to
protect the Covenant of the
League.

3. The Members of the
League agree, further, that
they will naturally support
one another in the financial
and economic measures which
are taken under this Article,
in order to minimise the
loss and inconvenience re-
sulting from the above mea-
sures, and that they will
mutually support one another
in resisting any special
measures aimed at one of
their number by the coven-
ant-breaking State, and
that they will take the ne-
cessary steps to afford pas-
sage through their territory
to the forces of any of the
Members of the League
which are co-operating to
protect the covenants of the
League.

4. Any Member of the
League which has violated
any covenant of the League
may be declared to be no
longer a Member of the
League by a vote of the
Council concurred in by the
Representatives of all the
other Members of the
League represented thereon.

The points about which the
League Assembly must satisfy
itself and decide are—has the
League been defied, and, if so,
by whom? If defied, whether
the defiance has been carried to
the extent of an unlicensed re-
sort to war. Having satisfied
itself in these respects, having
decided that the League has
been defied, and defied to the
extent that a Member State has
had unlicensed resort to war, it
may then "recommend" that
certain definite penalties, pre-
scribed in the Covenant, be put
into operation.

What are these definite pen-
alties? In brief, a boycott of the
offending State by other Mem-
ber States. This boycott in-
cludes the complete severance of
all financial and commercial re-
lations, and the employment of
such measures as will prevent
the boycotted State from trad-
ing with even States outside the
League.

If these "economic sanctions"
do not produce the desired effect,
the League may next "recom-
mend" that military action be
taken against the State which
has been sent to "Coventry," as
the saying has it. But, and it is
an important but, the League
can only "recommend" this step
to be taken. It cannot order.
It is left entirely to the Member
States to decide, each for itself,
whether they will help, and the
extent of their help. Member
States are under no legal obliga-
tion to render help in an emer-
gency. Of course, they are

under a certain moral obligation.
The sanctions under Article
XVI, so far as we are aware,
have never yet been applied.
There have been occasions, in
the decade just gone by, when
consideration of them as a means
to ending a dispute has been
threatened, but the threat,
alone, has always succeeded, so
far, in bringing a happy ending
to such disputes. Cases in point
are, the Jugo-Slav invasion of
Albania in 1921, the Italian de-
monstration off Corfu in 1923,
and the Grecian invasion of
Bulgaria in 1925.

It will be noted, however,
that, excepting Italy, in these
cases, in which a threat alone of
consideration of the sanctions
had the desired effect, the States
concerned were the smaller
States of the world. It is to be
expected that, in the case of a
Great Power, the application of
either economic or military
sanctions becomes a grave mat-
ter, indeed. And the gravity of
so serious a step is made appre-
ciably graver by the fact that the
United States and Russia—to
mention the only two great
Powers not Member States of
the League—are not signatories
to the League Covenant, and, ac-
cordingly, not bound by its
pledges. This difficulty, however,
in the case of the United States,
is diminished by the fact, that
the United States, which initi-
ated the Kellogg Pact (which Pact
suffers violation when the
League Covenant is violated),
could not easily stand aloof.

It will be appreciated, then,
what grave issues have been
raised by the invocation of Ar-
ticle XVI of the League Coven-
ant. It will be appreciated, also, why
the League Council demurred
for so long, and finally declared
that it would not take the respon-
sibility of calling a meeting of
the League Assembly to consider
the desirability of invoking
Article XVI.

Now that the Assembly has
been summoned to meet on
March 3, and is to be faced
with such grave issues—lead-
ing whither and to what, who
can forecast?—let carping
criticism be stilled. Away with
all talk of "The League Has
Failed!" Let us, in this hour of
crisis—a crisis affecting
neither China nor Japan alone—
for the World, as a whole, and
civilisation, which is threatened,
will that those who have been en-
trusted to guide our destinies be
given that vision which will en-
sure a happy solution to a yet
unsolved dispute. Let there be
no mistake about it, we are, once
again, as in 1914, on the verge
of Armageddon, and an Armaged-
don which will eclipse that War
said to have been fought to end
War.

News in Brief.

Lowest open air temperature
yesterday was 61. Humidity at 10
a.m. was 80 and 78 at 4 p.m.

For the theft of 12 ozs. of meat
from the Dairy Farm Company
Butchery Department, a Chinese
employee was sentenced to two
months' hard labour by Mr. E. I.
Wynne-Jones in the Central Magis-
tracy this morning.

At Thursday afternoon's meet-
ing of the Legislative Council, the
first reading will be taken of "a
Bill to provide for and regulate
Industrial and Reformatory
Schools."

Personal Para.

The Colonial Secretary of Ber-
muda, Mr. L. V. Evans, has been
selected for appointment as Colonial
Secretary of Mauritius in suc-
cession to Sir Allan Grantham, says a
British Wireless message.

Major Pannell, Acting Governor
of Darinmor, Frison, has been ap-
pointed Governor in succession to
Mr. S. N. Roberts, who has been
appointed to the vacant Governor-
ship of Cardiff, Frison, says a
British Wireless message.

snapped the slender stem of her
wine-glass. "I don't suppose," Madame
concluded thoughtfully, "that I shall
miss the business much, really."
As the triumphant youngest ap-
prentice tripped down the stairs
back to her department she said to
her dumfounded companions:
"Well, I don't think I shall be
the talk of the office!"—Manchester Guardian.

MADAME

WHY MADAME RETIRED
FROM BUSINESS.

By P. K.

Never in its long and honoured
history had Ellison's been so shaken.
Not even the war had caused such
consternation. The news was pass-
ed from manager to manager, and
from assistant to assistant, and
down to the youngest apprentice.
"Madame was leaving—retiring!"

It was unbelievable. Madame,
who had her roots deep down in the
origin and beginnings of the busi-
ness nearly forty years ago.
Madame, who had seen the house
grow from modest dimensions to be
one of the greatest drapery and
millinery houses in the country.
Madame, who was responsible for
the buying and went to London and
Paris, and returned with the latest
mode. Madame, who not only had
a flair for being just a little in
front with the latest fashions but
had the miraculous faculty of get-
ting what she wanted, and what the
customers of Ellison's always want-
ed, too, when they saw it, and at a
figure which enabled it to be sold at
a price well within the means of
Ellison's customers. Why, Madame
was Ellison's. The directors defer-
red to her, the department man-
agers made no effort to conceal the
fact that she dominated them, and
the assistants and the apprentices
lived in terror of making any mis-
take which would bring upon them
Madame's chilly rebuke. For chilly
was the impression she created.

She could show the latest crea-
tions with a grace and a carriage
which surpassed that of any manne-
quin. Her age was a matter of
pure conjecture; it could only be
guessed at. She had a figure which
was the envy of most of the assist-
ants in the store, and her plentiful
snow-white hair, dressed after the
Pompadour fashion, evoked the ad-
miration of all who beheld it.

Ellison's would never be able to
carry on without her. It was in-
credible. Besides, hadn't it been
said, or did not everybody know,
that Madame was an orphan? She
lived in a small flat alone, and, as
far as anybody knew, never enter-
tained. Why should she retire?

Madame's manner, in the store
and out of it, was distant. The
dignity of her carriage was not a
pose, was not assumed—it was part
of her. Yesterday everybody had
been afraid of her; to-day they
were sorry she was going. In-
stances of her helpful ways came to
mind and were passed around. Her
unvarying fairness to all—high and
low—was remembered and praised.
Even the rigid manner in which she
had enforced her cast-iron discipline
ceased to be censured. There was
nothing but sorrow at her going.
For going she was. Before long the
news came down authoritatively
from the managing director to the
departmental managers, and from
them was passed on to their staffs,
so that by lunch-time it was an
accepted fact and the sole topic of
conversation.

It was at lunch-time that another
shock came. Madame, who had
buried herself in her own office all
the morning and had not appeared,
being busy, it was assumed, clearing
up matters of detail for her suc-
cessor, sent word that she wished it
to be known that she would meet
each member of the staff in her
own room during the course of the
afternoon, so that she might bid
them "good-bye" individually. Each
department was to make its own ar-
rangements to send its staff up in
fours or fives, without intermingling
in any way with the efficient work-
ing of the department.

During the afternoon the small
parties of four or five went to bid
good-bye to Madame, and came down
again, some tearful, some elated
by the glass of wine which had been
proffered. Undoubtedly Madame
was doing things well. But it
seemed to the youngest apprentice
that whilst everybody was coming
down impressed with and delighted
by the reception, nobody had come
down and said what was going to
happen to Madame. Where was she
going? With whom? And why?
That seemed to the youngest ap-
prentice to be the crux of the whole
matter. "Suppose," she said to her
immediate companion, "I ask
Madame where she is going when
she retires, and whatever will she
find to do?" "Lord," was the reply,
"I wouldn't bother, she'll be going
to one of those 'posh' places, like

Bath or Harrogate, or somewhere
where all the old dames with lots of
money and no relatives go."
But the youngest apprentice
seemed unimpressed by the advice,
and continued her work in a state
of suppressed excitement. As the
afternoon wore on her excitement
grew, so that by the time her turn
came to accompany a small party
to bid good-bye to Madame her eyes
were shining and the palms of her
hands were moist.

Madame rose in her most grace-
ful and gracious manner to receive
them. "Sit down, please, won't
you?" she said, and the girls seated
themselves on the chairs placed
round the small table. On a side-
board were glasses and bottles. "I
just wished to meet you all for a
brief while to thank you for your
loyalty and commend you on your
efficiency. I'm leaving Ellison's—re-
tiring from business altogether,"
said Madame. "Will you take a
glass of wine with me and wish
me luck?" The girls
murmured that they would
be delighted. They mumbled
their good wishes and their sorrow.
But not the youngest apprentice.
She was thinking of her
brave resolve and discover-
ing how much more difficult
it was than she had imagin-
ed possible. She gazed at Madame,
and the intentness of her look at-
tracted Madame's attention. "Well
Miss Brown," said Madame, smil-
ing, "we are the two extremes of
the business. I am, or was; the
oldest employee, and you, I believe,
are the youngest." "Yes, Madame,"
was the reply, "I'm the youngest;
I've only been here a few months."
And with a sudden, unexpected
surge of courage, she began:

"Madame, we wondered—that is, I
wondered, how you could leave after
so long, and we're all awfully
curious to know whatever you'll find
to do when you leave here," and,
with naïveté, she added, "because
you're an orphan, aren't you?"

The other girls, although secretly
delighted that the apprentice had
found courage to take the plunge,
gasped. It seemed that Madame
for a moment became more
thoughtful. But after that moment
the straight lines of her mouth
relaxed and she smiled. "Well, it's
strange you should ask, but I'm not
an orphan. That's really the reason
I am retiring. You see, I am get-
ting old now, and I want to spend
the last few years of my life with
my son and my grandchildren."

A bomb bursting in the room
could not have occasioned more sur-
prise. One girl, in the excitement,
(Continued at foot of Column 5.)

Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of
February 23, 1922.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/5 1/16.

There was no fresh developments
in regard to the seamen's strike
during this morning, but it was
hoped that the seamen's delegates
who took the Government's answer
to the proposals of the Tung Wah
Hospital up to Canton would arrive
back by the midday train. It is re-
ported that the strikers held a mass
meeting in Canton yesterday.

At three o'clock this afternoon
nobody had heard anything of the
delegates who are evidently still
at Canton. The number of ships
in port to-day is 140.

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A MIRACLE OF LOVE

The Story of A "Naturalized" Frock.

She floated, like a mirage of lost youth, above the gloom of the village hall; wringing her limp arms pathetically in the draught, writes a Times correspondent. Her frailty reproached me for exhibiting it to public humiliation. I could have wished that a gust would whirl her through the window to a decent obscure grave in the woods. Perhaps in Spring some bird might feather his nest with her. A brighter race of songsters might grow up to confound their dowdy British neighbours, so potent are the influences of beauty upon the youthful mind. Eventually she would have mingled her alien fibres with the dank soil of her adoption.

We had been debutantes together. I recalled the morning, whose brilliant sunshine smelt of Spain and whose keen air breathed of the intervening Pyrenees, when we began our long association. I had received an exuberant welcome at the House of Dressmakers. In a moment retreat was barred by rolls of material, sheaves of sketches, crowds of mannequins. The conversation swelled in animation. Its echoes floated into the street, allowing an interested population to participate in our passionate debate upon style. Other people's clothes were abandoned, half-made, in the workroom; while frenzied seamstresses fled up and down stairs with their arms full of patterns and their mouths of pins. Waiting customers were herded into the hall by Monsieur (whom rumour declared to be the guiding brain behind the scissors).

His wife's voice would have won applause in an opera. Without pause she launched full-throated admonition to a dilatory assistant in the attic; crooned endearments over every child of her fingers; and proclaimed in a piercing recitative to whomsoever it might concern that Mademoiselle possessed, in effect, that species of chic worthy only of her latest models. At last, in a silence more dramatic than the speech with which we had been deafened, the Confetti Frock arrived upon the reverent arm of Monsieur himself. Swiftly a mannequin was peeled and inserted. The chorus subsided exhausted round the supreme inspiration of the Muse of Fashion. Madame, presumably for the first time in her life, lacked words.

It was a miracle of love at sight. Mere financial consideration could not part a purchaser and purchase obviously destined for one another. Amid universal acclamation I wrote the cheque. Madame insinuated archly that the frock's name carried good luck; without doubt she soon would have the pleasure of constructing Mademoiselle's trousseau. Even that prospect did not damp my ardour. A week later we were

both launched into the social stream. The noise of the jumble sale increased in ratio to its decreasing goods. Buyers thronged the stalls of home-made cakes and sweets, fruit and vegetables, needle-work, and baskets from the Women's Institute. Equally popular was the corner devoted to adornment. There clustered in unnatural amicability the ghosts of the parish: the Rector's tennis flannels, the Summer hat of his wife, the Squire's Norfolk jacket (triumphantly unearthed from its lair after many evasions of similar occasions), the Lady of the Manor's gardening skirt, which even the scullery-maid had rejected, the Doctor's macintosh. With all these familiars the Confetti Frock rubbed shoulders disdainfully.

"Ah, tes a beautiful dress, best ever I seen," said the sexton's wife appreciatively. "I mid make so bold as to trouble ee for un, miss."

"It is a good patriotic colour scheme, red with blue and white spots," I said.

"Oh ah, fit my Emily a fair treat it wull," I wondered what strange sensations would thrill Emily's stolid bulk when she wore it. Perhaps she would recapture the exciting smell of tan and horseflesh at Olympia, the rush of galloping polo-ponies on Ranelagh's level turf, the laughter and reminiscence of Old Girl's Day, echoes of the finest organ in London pealing a wedding march, and the kaleidoscopic blur of bright clothes at Lord's.

"Won't she find it rather thin for the winter?" I suggested, with a reluctance deplorable in a saleswoman.

"Naw, she's a wonderful warm-blooded girl, her won't feel no cold in un. I reckon 'twill go lovely with her Sunday hat."

"A beret would be more suitable," I said, thinking that the company of the Basque national headgear might console the exile.

"Wull, I haven't no time to waste over they itey-otems. How much do it cost, please miss?" I made a swift mental calculation of the frock's really staggering price when translated from francs into sterling. The ticket pinned to her hem said half-a-crown.

A last consideration disturbed the purchaser. "I suppose tes English?" she asked.

I gazed at her in such astonishment that she must have wondered whether I had been fuddling my wits with the Boy Scouts' lemonade; or the strong tea dispensed by the Mothers' Union at 4d. for the first, and 2d. for every succeeding cup. For a moment an ethereal clamour of French roared in my ears. I pictured Madame's expression when confronted with that question. "Of course, the frock was naturalised long ago," I said.

SHARE MARKET.

Practically Closed Owing To Races.

NOTHING DOING.

The official summary issued by the Stock Exchange to-day states: No change to report, the market being practically closed during the Races.

Sales.
Hong Kong Bank, \$1,350.
Hong Kong Trams, \$20.
H.K. Electric, \$75.
Buyers.
Union Insurance, \$405.
Hotels (old), \$13.
Chinese Estates, \$95.
Singapore Tractions (pref) 14/-.
Amusements, \$19 1/4.
Govt. Loans, 3 per cent. Premium.
Sellers.
Hong Kong Bank, \$1,350.
Docks, \$29.
China Lights (old), \$21.

"TONS OF MONEY."

Famous Farce Revived at Savoy Theatre.

"Tons of Money," the famous farce which ran for nearly two years on its first London production, and lived up to its name by making the fortunes of everybody, is now being revived at the Savoy Theatre. The chief concern of the producer has evidently been to make as exact a copy as possible of the original show. William Daunt, who plays Ralph Lynn's old part of the much-chosen hero, has plainly been chosen less for any comic force, which he himself may possess than for the uncanny precision with which he can mimic Mr. Lynn's voice.

Mimicry carried as far as this is a mistake, for it can only be carried out at the expense of an actor's own personality. Still, the main point is that Mr. Daunt "got his laughs," and that the play has heaps of life left in it still. Kathleen Boutall, similarly hampered by having to copy Yvonne Arnaud's accent and methods in the part of the heroine, did succeed in giving the part some impress of her own separate individuality.

The screen version of this play was recently at the King's Theatre in Hong Kong.

DALES NOVELIST DEAD.

Halliwell Sutcliffe.

The death took place at Linton, near Skipton, Yorks, recently, of Halliwell Sutcliffe, the novelist.

Mr. Sutcliffe, who was 62, had been ill for some months. He wrote novels of Yorkshire hills and dales, the most notable, perhaps, being "A Man of the Moors," and its sequel, "Through Sorrow's Gates."

His recent novels include "Storm" and "Master Passion," and a wonderful study of the West Yorkshire dales under the title of "The Striding Dales."

HOW THEY TALK ABOUT WAR DEBTS.

[By Leslie R. Aldous.]

"I cannot stand all this sentiment about reparations," announced Plus Fours to his travelling companion. "It is perfectly obvious that Germany could pay, if she wanted to. Yet, since the Peace Conference we've done nothing but pander to her. First the Dawes Plan, then the Young Plan, and now the Lausanne Conference! And to say that, if she is made to pay, it is going to hurt us, is absurd. Why, if my neighbour owes me a large sum of money, I don't let him off on the grounds that his payments will ruin me. Yet that is what some of these wretched internationalists, who pretend to be economists, are saying!"

The Lounge Suit looked up with an interested gleam behind his spectacles. "I fancy I know something about this hypothetical neighbour of yours," he said. "His debt is so large that it would impoverish himself and his children and their children afterwards. Suppose, moreover, that he has to put himself into the hands of a moneylender, and that making the fortunes of everybody drives him into bankruptcy in a year or two. You won't get much out of it, will you?"

"He should have to work hard to pay the money," "Quite," continued the Lounge Suit. "Let us presume that he is in very much the same line of business as yourself. The only way in which he can earn enough to pay you—or the moneylender, to whom he is already head over heels in debt—is to undercut you at every turn and make a bold bid for your customers. Probably you will soon begin to wonder why your trade is declining."

"You think that applies to Germany?" Plus Fours queried.

"I'm sure of it. The analogy would have to be a little more elaborate, because most of Germany's reparations go to France, before France pays us what she owes. But take our coal trade. One way in which Germany could pay reparations was by exporting coal from the Ruhr. Those deliveries of coal under reparations were severely felt by the United Kingdom. That helps to account for the fact that, according to a League of Nations report on the coal situation published in 1930, there were 170,000 British miners without work."

"Well," admitted the other. "It certainly seems as if war debts help to dislocate international trade. But we have to pay vast sums to America. We can't foot the bill alone."

"Agreed. That is why many of your 'wretched internationalists' and economists are urging the cancellation, or at least a scaling down, of all war debts. Not being an economist, I am not going to venture an opinion as to whether, later on Germany will be able to pay something. Experts, like those who met at Basle a month ago, ought to decide that. Suffice to say that they are agreed that it is inviting a complete European collapse to make her pay at present."

"You almost persuaded me that it would be a good thing to wash out war debts altogether," confessed Plus Fours reluctantly.

"Yes," explained Lounge Suit, "but England is only a sort of honest broker in the business. America, in a way, holds the whip hand. My American friends in the Middle West, who help to sway that nation, see Europe spending about \$800,000,000 a year on armaments. 'Look here,' they write to me, 'if you can afford all that money for war preparations, you can afford to pay what you owe us.' Mark my words, the World Disarmament Conference, which the League of Nations is calling in February is the biggest opportunity Europe has ever had of paying the way to a saner policy about war debts. If a real reduction of armaments doesn't persuade America, nothing else—except perhaps a general financial crash—ever will."

"We live and learn," Plus Fours declared, winding up the conversation. "I never dreamt that war debts had anything to do with all this talk about disarmament."

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A Magistrate on His Job.

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It was one of the best paying concerns in the city. It paid all its own expenses, and had recently handed over £25,000 in relief of the rates. "So I think," said Mr. Wellesley Orr, "that we may be called a fairly prosperous concern." (Laughter.) The magistrate's functions were extremely responsible. His position was one of the most trying that a man could hold, and that would be conceded when it was realised what an enormous influence he might have on a man's life and on the lives of his family. The most trivial sentence might have very far-reaching consequences; the mere fact of going to prison might be for many men the ruin of their lives. Magistrates were imbued with a strong sense of their responsibility in such circumstances, and were loath to send anyone to prison if it could possibly be avoided. At the same time they must ever have in mind the protection of the public.

In listening to the witnesses on either side in a case the magistrate's job was largely one of reading between the lines the whole time. He must bring his own common sense and knowledge of the world to bear on the case. No man ought to be appointed a police magistrate who had not a good knowledge of the world—who did not know what life was. "We do not want as magistrates men who are merely lawyers, because the work of the police court is as much a work of common sense as of law."

AMERICANS AND INDIA.

Boycott Proposed By A New York Meeting.

Plans were being worked out for putting into effect the boycott of British goods, steamships, and securities in accordance with a resolution adopted at a mass meeting held in New York under the auspices of the "All-World Gandhi Fellowship." The institution of such a boycott was recommended in a resolution which was adopted without dissent at the end of the meeting when perhaps one-half of the large crowd had already departed. Another resolution deplored the arrest of Gandhi.

The majority of the members of the audience were Americans, and the speakers included Oswald Villard, editor of the Nation, W. L. Durant, a popular writer on philosophy, and Dr. J. H. Hayes Holmes, a Liberal Protestant clergyman of New York.

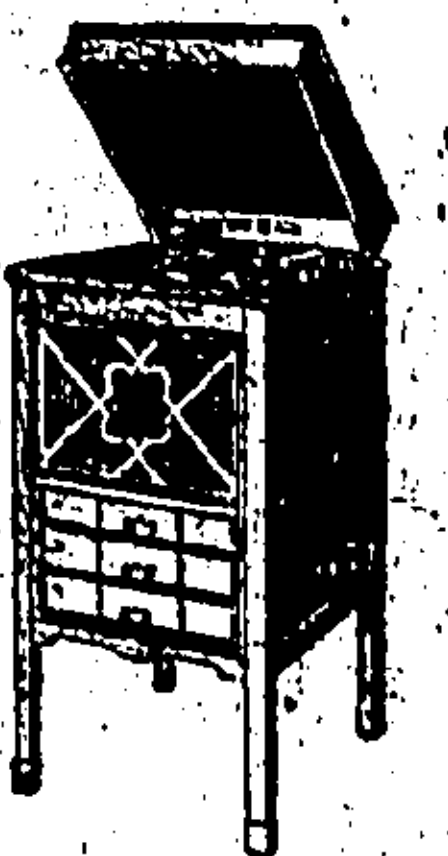
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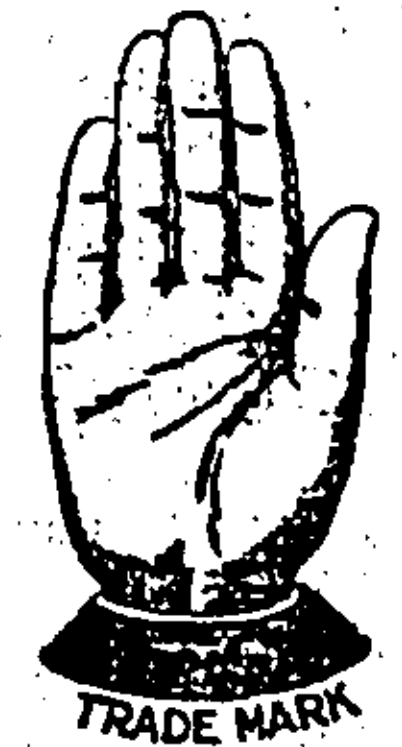
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manner that were not gained there. What ages have dowered her with she will not abandon now. Rather, she will make it flourish and spread in a new ground. She can be clear-eyed without loss of tenderness and serious without lack of humour. She carries into business the courtesy and patience and human understanding that have served her well elsewhere, seeing no reason why they should not serve here as well. She learns from men without self-abasement because she knows that she, too, can teach. In reality, there is little that is new in her position, for during all human history there has been much of this same partnership. Women have always been the chief chaffers in the market-places, at least of the western world and their business experience began with business itself. If the bonds of this ancient partnership are now drawn somewhat closer, the gain to her is no more manifest than the gain to those with whom she works.

A swarm of red locusts stretching for an area of five miles, ravaged the territory of the Hakkas tribe. Practically all the crops have been eaten. The insects came from the direction of Mauritania to the southward—exchange.

A LECTURE ON "DREAMS AND THEIR MEANING."

"Dreams and their Meaning" was the subject dealt with in a paper read by the Rev. Dr. E. L. Allen, M.A., Ph.D., at the European Y.M.C.A. last night, when, under the auspices of the Literary and Debating Society, he entertained a large gathering, as well as radio listeners.

From dividing dreams into various categories, Dr. Allen went on to show how certain psychological tests could be applied for the interpretation of their meanings, and contended that when honestly and diligently searched for, the insight into the meaning of dreams brought people much nearer realities than the prejudices which they fostered and the excuses which they made during their waking hours.

Mr. J. H. Hunt, O.R.E. president, in testing tea, water, brought from various parts of the country, is used so that suitable blends may be found for each district.

The plough is as much mightier than the pen as the pen is mightier than the sword—Mr. E. A. Butler.



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 27th February, 1932, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1931.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 15th February, to SATURDAY, the 27th February, 1932 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 8th February, 1932.

HUMPHREYS' ESTATE & FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on MONDAY, the 29th February, 1932, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1931.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY 18th February, to MONDAY, 29th February, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 10th February, 1932.

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NOTICE OF SHAREHOLDERS.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 1st March, 1932, to THURSDAY, the 10th March, 1932, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
F. H. CRAPNEL,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 22nd February, 1932.

SPORTS NOTICES.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING, 1932

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The fifteen interval will be taken after the fifth race on the first four days.

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A limited number of Tiffins will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy, Telephone No. 21920. On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first four days of the Meeting.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$4.00 per day including tax for all persons, including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1.00 per day including tax.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tiffins will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

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By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
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Vienna 32 Nom.
Prague 116 1/2
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Information has been received that the Siberian route is interrupted and the service by this route will accordingly be resumed forthwith.

The Public are, however, warned that, as this Service is somewhat precarious and still liable to suspension without notice, letters will only be accepted at senders' risk. In the event of the service being again suspended all letters will be forwarded via Suez.

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Manila 4.30 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta 4.30 p.m.
Straits Feb. 23, 4 p.m.
Letters 5 p.m.
Hop Sang 5 p.m.

Swatow
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, C. & S. America and Europe via San Francisco Asama Maru (Due San Francisco, Mar. 16 and Europe via Siberia.)
Registration Feb. 23, 5 p.m.
Letters Feb. 24, 8.30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24.
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Straits 10.30 a.m.
Amoy 8.30 p.m.
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25
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Swatow 9 p.m.
Amoy 8.30 p.m.
Foochow 8.30 p.m.

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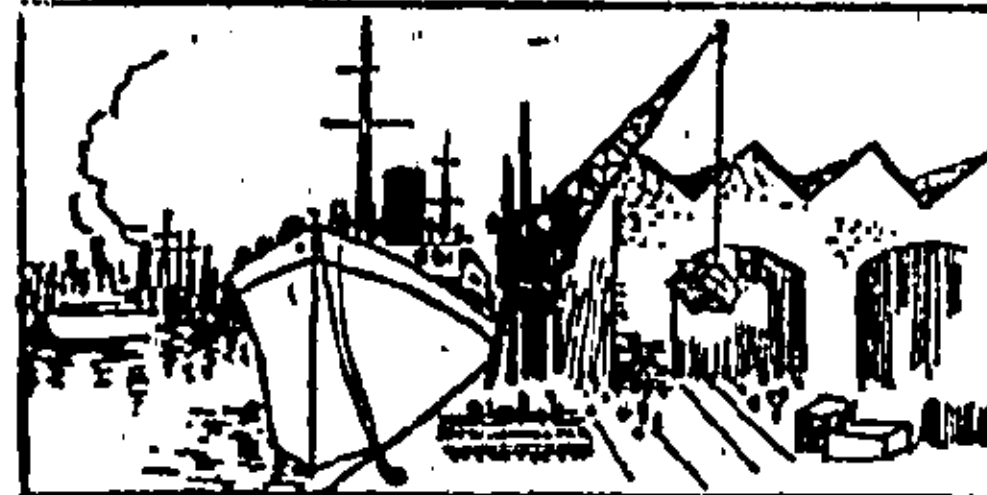
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Banks.						
Hong Kong Bank (Cont. Reg.)	1850	1850	85	Dec.	(Final Div. 1931-1932) Pending	
Chartered Bank	18	18	19	Dec.	Int. 7% 1931-1932 Sep. 31, 31	
Mercantile Bk., Ltd.	18	18	18	Dec.	Int. 7% 1931-1932 Feb. 28, 31	
Bank of Asia	1874	1874	1874	Dec.	8% for 1930-1931	
Insurance.						
Canton Ins.	1850	1850	1850	Dec.	(Final Div. 1931-1932) May 19, 31	
Union Ins.	105	105	105	Dec.	(Final Div. 1931-1932) May 31, 31	
China Underwriters	1694	1694	1694	Dec.	None	
China Fire Ins.	500	500	500	Dec.	(Final Div. 1931-1932) May 31, 31	
H. K. Fire Ins.	1250	1250	1250	Dec.	(Final Div. 1931-1932) Mar. 28, 31	
Shipping.						
Douglases	36	36	36	Dec.	Last dividend for 1931-1932 Mar. 4, 31	
H. K. Steamships	23	23	23	Dec.	(Int. 7% 1931-1932) June 10, 31	
Indo-China (Pref.)	45	45	45	Dec.	Last dividend for 1931-1932 July 6, 31	
Shells Bearer	100	100	100	Dec.	(Final Div. 1931-1932) Mar. 31, 31	
Union Waterboats	35	35	35	Dec.	81-50 for 1930-1931	
Mining.						
Benguet	112	112	112	Dec.	Fourth Int. 20 cents for 1931-1932 Dec. 19, 31	
Kailan Mining Ad.	32	32	32	June	(Int. 7% 1931-1932) Dec. 21, 31	
Langkots (Single)	4	4	4	Oct.	T. 0.50 for year 31-10-31 May 5, 31	
S'hai Exploration	210	210	210	Dec.	None	
Loans	2	2	2	Dec.	(Final Div. 1931-1932) Feb. 6, 31	
Raubs	89	89	89	Mar.	Int. 7% 1931-1932 Pending	
Venezuela Gold Fields	2	2	2	Mar.	Int. 7% 1931-1932 Pending	
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.						
H. K. & W. Wharves	154	154	154	Dec.	8% for 1931-1932 Pending	
H. K. & W. Docks	10	10	10	Dec.	Last dividend for 1931-1932	
South Ch. Motors (A)	12	12	12	Dec.	None	
China Provident (old)	490	490	490	Dec.	(Int. 7% 1931-1932) April 6, 31	
Hongkew	280	280	280	Dec.	Int. 7% 1931-1932 Oct. 31, 31	
N. Engineering	320	320	320	Dec.	T. 0.25 for 1931-1932 Mar. 4, 31	
Shanghai Docks	904	904	904	Apr.	T. 0.50 for year 31-10-31 July 29, 31	
Lands, Hotels & Buildings.						
H. K. & S. Hls. (old)	18	18	18	Dec.	0.05 (old) 1931-1932 Pending	
H. K. Lands	76	76	76	Dec.	Final Div. 1931-1932 Feb. 16, 31	
Shanghai Lands	30	30	30	Dec.	Int. 7% 1931-1932 July 30, 31	
Humphreys (old)	129	129	129	Dec.	(Int. 7% 1931-1932) Pending	
H. K. Realities	1145	1145	1145	Dec.	Int. 7% 1931-1932 Pending	
Chinco Estates	96	96	96	Feb.	Int. 7% 1931-1932 Jan. 30, 31	
Cotton Mills.						
Ewo Cottons	148	148	148	Dec.	T. 0.75 for 1930-1931 Mar. 12, 31	
Shanghai Cotton	808	808	808	Dec.	T. 0.50 for half year 31-10-31 Dec. 31, 31	
Zoong Sings	114	114	114	June	T. 0.50 for year 31-10-31 Oct. 31, 31	
Public Utilities.						
H. K. Tramways	20	20	20	Dec.	Final Div. 1931-1932 Feb. 17, 31	
Peak Trams (old)	15.60	15.60	15.60	Apr.	(Int. 7% 1931-1932) June 16, 31	
Star Ferries	94	94	94	Dec.	8% for 1931-1932 Feb. 11, 31	
Tauman Ferries	304	304	304	Dec.	8% for 1931-1932 June 30, 31	
China Light (old)	20.80	20.80	20.80	Sept.	50 cts. for year 31-10-31 Dec. 31, 31	
H. K. Electric	75	75	75	Dec.	8% for 1931-1932 Pending	
Macao	38	38	38	Dec.	None	
Sandakan Light	12	12	12	June	None	
H. K. Tels. fully paid	12	12	12	Dec.	Final Div. 1931-1932 Pending	
China Buses	16	16	16	Dec.	T. 0.50 for 1931-1932 Feb. 25, 31	
S'pore Trams (Ord.)	9	9	9	Sept.	(Int. 7% 1931-1932) Feb. 5, 31	
Industrials.						
Malabon Sugars	38	38	38	Dec.	Pr. 4.50 for 1930-1931 Mar. 4, 31	
Cald. Marg. Ord.	14	14	14	Dec.	(T. 0.80) for 1930-1931 Mar. 16, 31	
Canton Ice	5	5	5	July	50 cts. for year 31-10-31 Oct. 2, 31	
Cements (com.)	16.82	16.82	16.82	Dec.	(80 cents on old) 1930-1931 Mar. 18, 31	
H. K. Ropes	16.40	16.40	16.40	Dec.	75 cents for 1930-1931 Mar. 27, 31	
China Agriculture	104	104	104	Dec.	None	
Stores, &c.						
Dairy Farm	294	294	294	Dec.	81.75 for 1931-1932 Pending	
Watsons	164	164	164	Oct.	75 cents for year 31-10-31 Mar. 16, 31	
Der A. Wieg	1	1	1	Dec.	None	
Lanc. Grawfords (old)	6	6	6	Feb.	Last dividend for 1931-1932 Apr. 30, 31	
Mackintosh	16	16	16	Feb.	81 for year 31-10-31 Apr. 30, 31	
Sincores	16	16	16	Dec.	None	
Wm. Fowells	3.60	3.60	3.60	Feb.	20 cents for year 31-10-31 June 17, 31	
Miscellaneous.						
H. K. Amusements	191	191	191	Mar.	82.50 for year 31-10-31 Sept. 30, 31	
C. Entertainment (Old)	164	164	164	Dec.	None	
S. C. Enterprises	10	10	10	Dec.	None	
Macao "Greyhound"	10	10	10	Dec.	None	
Constructions (Old)	5.15	5.15	5.15	Dec.	20 cents for 1930-1931 Apr. 23, 31	
B. Ind. G. Bonds	12	12	12	Dec.	None	
H. K. Govt. Loans	9%	9%	9%	Dec.	Interest half yearly	

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THE NAVY LEAGUE

COUNTRY'S NEED FOR NEW CRUISERS.

The Navy League, in a New Year's message, says:—Now, as ever, mindful of the vital necessity of an adequate Royal Navy for the protection of our food supplies and of those who pass on the sea on their lawful occasions, once more, on this New Year's Day, desires to remind our people of the great importance of the "Sea Affair."

We have frequently called attention to the extent to which other Powers are increasing their fleets, especially in cruisers and destroyers, and how dangerous it will be if any further reductions in our naval forces in these categories should be put forward at the forthcoming Disarmament Conference. The latest development of this phase is illustrated by the fact that other nations, following the lead of Germany in the construction of the new battleship Deutschland and the laying down of a second vessel of this class, are evidently intending to construct an entirely new class of capital ship. We are precluded by the Treaties of Washington and

London from laying down any new battleship or battle-cruiser.

If it is true that the call for economy is universal, this should give pause to the creation of further capital ships by all the Naval Powers. If, however, other nations, as well as Germany, decide to build these powerful vessels, surely it will be the duty of our representatives at the forthcoming Disarmament Conference to make it quite clear that it may become necessary for us to reconsider our position under these treaties.

In the meantime, there should not be any further delay in the commencement of the three cruisers and nine destroyers of the 1931 programme, which have not yet been laid down; taking these vessels into account, our tonnage of effective cruisers and destroyers will be considerably short of the amount allotted by the London Naval Treaty, and altogether inadequate for the guarding of our sea routes and the protection of our commerce in the event of any outbreak of hostilities in any quarter of the globe.

TOTAL LOSS IN LOADING, ETC.

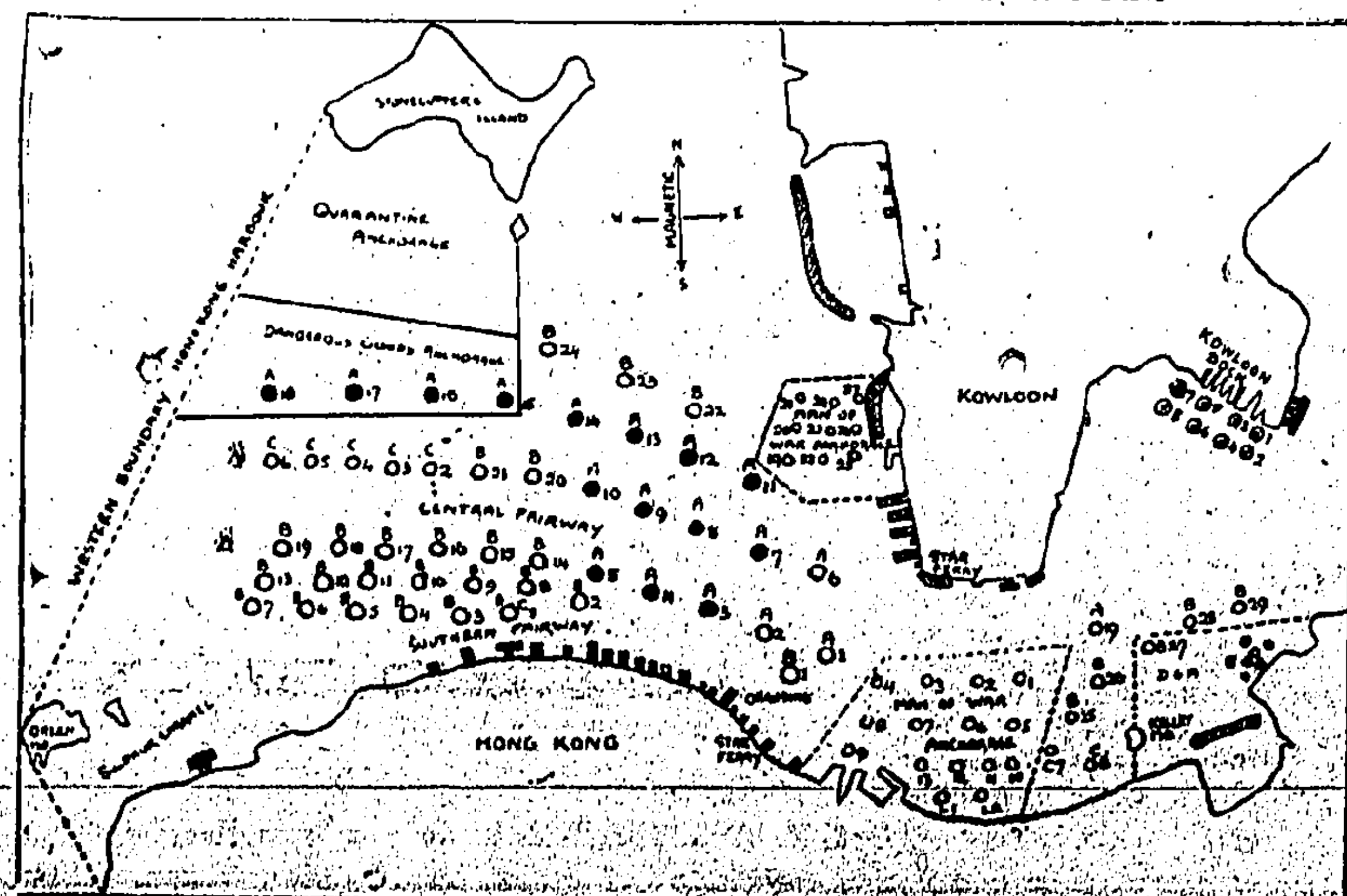
A really interesting controversy on the above subject has been stirred up in the columns of a contemporary, and a very fair and able exposition of the case has been advanced. The matter is of some importance, concerning as it does the interpretation of one of the most frequently encountered clauses in cargo insurance. The material words appear in clause 9 of both sets of standard Institute Cargo Clauses (W.A.) and (F.P.A.), as follows: "Notwithstanding this warranty, the insurers are to pay the insured value of any package or packages which may be totally lost in loading, transhipment or discharge." The point at issue is whether this form of words restricts liability of underwriters for such losses to cases where a peril specifically insured against operates. That is to say, is it necessary for a marine peril to cause the total loss of the packages concerned before a claim arises under the policy, or is any total loss of a package covered during the specified operations? Our contemporary adopts an eminently reasonable line of argument, but comes down strongly in favour of the interpretation first given. We disagree, quite as firmly, whilst fully recognising that the matter is one that can only be finally disposed of by litigation, says The Syren. No lawsuit, however, is ever likely to eventuate, as the amounts involved are usually so small. It is, therefore, desirable that the position should be fully ventilated so that uniformity of practice may ensue, if necessary by amendment of the clause. A number of underwriters definitely interpret the clause according to our reading of it, i.e., they act as if the words "accidents in loading,

transhipment and discharge" superimposed additional perils to those enumerated in the policy. Others endeavour to maintain what was undoubtedly the original intention of the clause, but, when strongly pressed by their assured, usually settle "without prejudice." They base their denial of legal liability on the argument that the clause does not say that total loss is covered from any cause arising, and must therefore be construed on the principle of ejusdem generis (of like kind). Our view is the Courts would give to the words used their plain meaning. Even if there were any ambiguity, which we are not prepared to admit, the contract would be construed in favour of the assured in accordance with the established legal rule in such circumstances. Insurers have often discovered to their cost that the Courts take no notice of the intentions of underwriters in adopting particular phraseology, and in our opinion there is every reason to feel that the assured would have a very strong case in claiming that by their own chosen clauses insurers have undertaken to make good all total losses of packages occurring during the operations of loading, transhipment and discharge. There is no real hardship on underwriters pressing home such a construction of the clause because if the loss were negligently occasioned there would be recourse, (by way of subrogation) against the negligent party.—The Shipping Review.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The P. & O. s.s. Rajputana left Singapore for this Port on the 20th instant at 5 p.m. with the outward English Mails, and is due here on the 25th instant at about 7 a.m.

BUOY PLAN OF HONG KONG HARBOUR.



Shipping Intelligence.

ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Sunday, February 21.
Chile, Danish str., 5,046 tons, Capt. S. Hausen, from Shanghai, buoy No. A6.—John Manners & Co.
Chinhua, British str., 1,353 tons, Capt. E. M. Gellie, from Weihai-wei, buoy No. B14.—B. & S. Hallanger, Norwegian str., 5,714 tons, Captain A. Abohammen, from San Pedro, Laichikok Anchorage.—Standard Oil & Co.
Kweiyang, British str., 1,580 tons, Captain A. Cook, from Amoy, buoy No. B12.—B. & S.
Royal Arrow, American str., 4,800 tons, Capt. P. B. Muller, from Calcutta, Laichikok Anchorage.—Socony & Co.
Sunkong, Chinese str., 322 tons, Capt. Leung Pat, from K. C. Wan, Saikong Wharf.—Wo Hop & Co.
Tjisaroea, Dutch str., 4,394 tons, Captain H. de Jonge, from Amoy, buoy No. A7.—J.C.J.L.
Tjisondari, Dutch str., 5,019 tons, Captain P. Meerman, from Manila, buoy No. A1.—J.C.J.L.
Zelko Maru, Japanese str., 2,528 tons, Captain Y. Yamamoto, from Sydney, buoy No. A12.—Y.K.K.

Monday, February 22.
Asama Maru, Japanese str., 10,017 tons, Capt. G. Shimomiya, from Manila, buoy No. A2.—N.Y.K.
Bueland, Norwegian str., 2,299 tons, Capt. A. Dahl, from Singapore, buoy No. B9.—Wallem & Co.
Hirundo, Norwegian str., 1,125 tons, Captain J. Pedersen, from Swatow, buoy No. B11.—Thoresen & Co.
Corona, Norwegian str., 1,953 tons, Captain O. Klette, from Chinwangtao, Laichikok Anchorage.—Dodwell & Co.
Kronviken, Norwegian str., 1,519 tons, Capt. T. Kvamme, from Bangkok, buoy No. B8.—Yong Hong Long.
Luchow, British str., 1,221 tons, Capt. W. T. Paul, from Amoy, buoy No. C4.—B. & S.
Sirdhana, British str., 4,835 tons, Capt. Brown, from Shanghai, Stonecutters Anchorage.—P. & O. & Co.
St. Andrew, British str., 2,533 tons, Capt. E. Bearpark, from Calcutta, buoy No. B25.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.
Tai Ping Yang, Panama str., 3,659 tons, Capt. H. Andersen, from Manila, buoy No. A5.—Dodwell & Co.
Vancouver Maru, Japanese str., 4,259 tons, Captain M. Hashida, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

CLEARANCES.

Monday, Feb. 22.
Chile, for Singapore.
D. Pierre Benoit, for Haiphong.
Dell Maru, for Canton.
Feng Lee, for Canton.
Hydrangea, for Swatow.
Kittawa sailed Feb. 21 to assist s.s. Kamona.
Kwangchow, for Swatow.
Kweiyang, for Hoihow.
Nausauville, for Los Angeles.
Royal Arrow, for San Pedro.
Tai Ping Yang, for Shanghai.
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Emp. of Canada	Apr. 8	Apr. 11	Apr. 13	Apr. 15	Apr. 21	Apr. 26
Emp. of Russia	Apr. 22	Apr. 25	Apr. 26	Apr. 28	Apr. 30	May 9
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HIYE MARU	Tuesday	29th March.	
LONDON, MARSEILLES, ANTWERP & ROTTERDAM via Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Suez.	HARUNA MARU	Saturday	5th March.
KATORI MARU	Saturday	19th March.	
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.	KITANO MARU	Saturday	27th February.
ATSUTA MARU	Saturday	26th March.	
MANILA.	SHINYO MARU	Wednesday	2nd March.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.	TOTTORI MARU	Monday	29th February.
KAGA MARU	Friday	11th March.	
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.	RAKUYO MARU	Thursday	17th March.
NEW YORK, BOSTON via Panama.	TOBA MARU	Monday	11th April.
LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Beyrouth, Stamboul (Constantinople), Pezayus and Genoa.	LYONS MARU	Monday	14th March.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	RANGOON MARU	Monday	29th February.
NAGATO MARU	Tuesday	8th March.	
SHANGHAI, KORE & YOKOHAMA.	TANGO MARU (Kobe direct)	Monday	29th February.
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YASUKUNI MARU	Friday	4th March.	

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BRISBANE, SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, AUCKLAND & WELLINGTON via Manila, Japan Ports (Frequent Services).	Sydney Maru	Sat.	5th Mar.
LONDON, HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP via Singapore, Colombo, Suez & Port Said.	Hamburg Maru	Tues.	23rd Feb.
NEW YORK via Japan ports, Los Angeles & Panama. Call Direct at Boston, Philadelphia & Baltimore.	Amazon Maru	Fri.	11th Mar.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Belawan Deli & Colombo.	Kwanto Maru	Thurs.	10th Mar.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	Sydney Maru	Wed.	24th Feb.
HAIPHONG via Hoihow.	Sumatra Maru	Thurs.	3rd Mar.
KEELUNG via Swatow & Amoy (3 p.m. every Sunday).	Canton Maru	Sun.	28th Feb.
JAPAN PORTS via Takao & Keelung.	Canada Maru	Thurs.	10th Mar.
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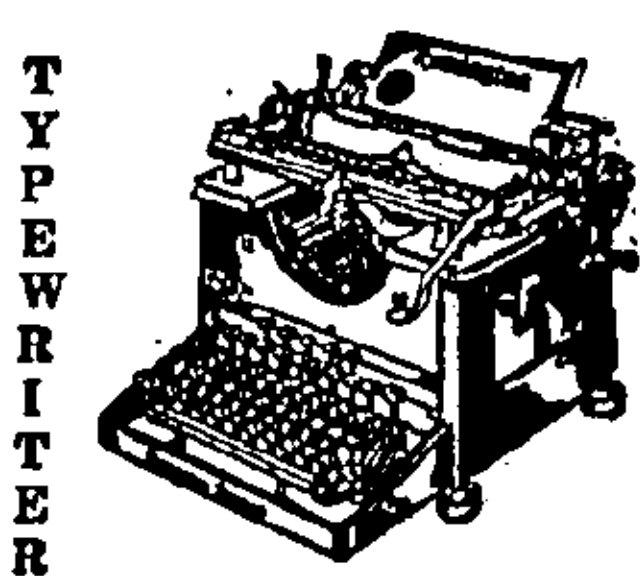
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MAIL REVIEWS.

"UP FOR THE CUP."

Sparkling comedy is the keynote
of "Up for the Cup" with an all
English cast, now showing at the
Queen's Theatre.

John Willie Entwistle, (Sydney
Howard), like all true Yorkshire-
men is a great football enthusiast,
and looked upon the Cup Final as
one of the great events of life. His
adventures when he travels to Lon-
don to see the great match, together
with Mary Murgatroyd, whom he
one day hopes to marry, is a scream,
not however without a touch of
sentiment.

The story does not pall, it carries
one along on a rising note of hilar-
ity, until Mary and John, stranded
in London, decide to walk back to
Yorkshire, where John has a for-
tune awaiting him, the proceeds of
his new invention, a revolutionary
weaving loom.

"NEW MOON."

Magnificent singing on the part
of the leading players, Lawrence
Tibbett and Grace Moore, is an
outstanding feature in "New Moon"
now playing in the Star Theatre.
In the supporting cast, Adolphe
Menjou, Roland Young, Gus Shy
and Emily Fitzroy, are capable. The
setting of the film is in Turkestan,
and tells of the romance between
a Russian officer and Princess
Tanya Strogoff. A battle between
the Khurgi and Turkoman troops
is vividly depicted in the picture.

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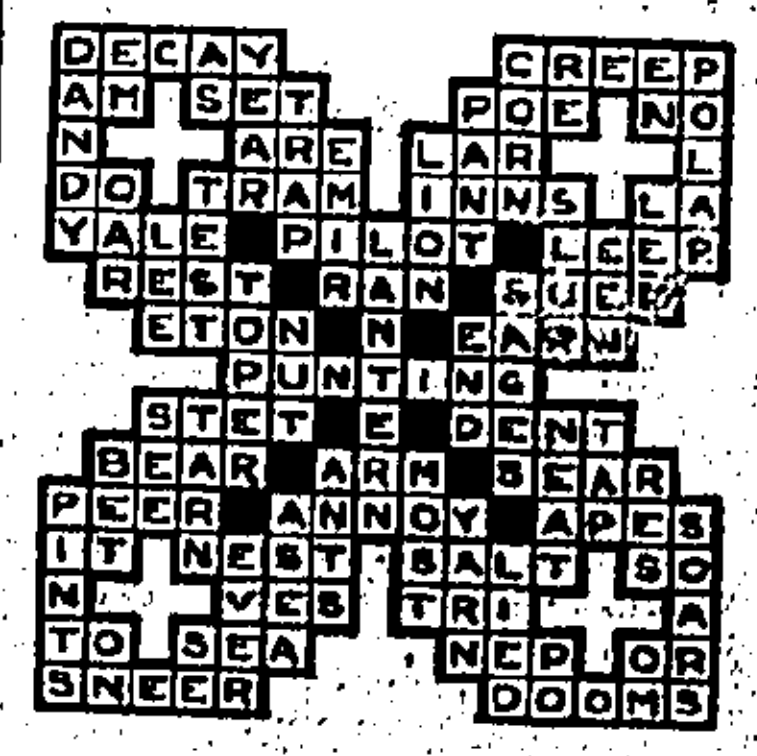
"UP FOR THE CUP."

It is often written in film Press
notes that a certain part is "ab-
solutely made" for some actor or
actress. When this fact is stated
we allow for publicity exaggeration,
but in "Up for the Cup," the
new film showing at the Queen's
Theatre, Sydney Howard, who
plays the leading role, has a part
that suits him perfectly. Howard
was born in Yorkshire and made
his name with his droll appearance
and "daff" humour. His rise to
prominence on the London West
End stage has not been meteoric,
but justified by real hard work,
and it is pleasurable to record his
success. "Up for the Cup" was
mostly filmed in Sydney Howard's
home town, Yeadon, Yorkshire, and
his characterisation of a simple-
minded mill hand, whose energy
turns to invention rather than
hard work in the mill, is excellent.
There is good fun in plenty in this
film, and its success with lovers of
essentially British comedy is as-
sured.

"DOCTORS' WIVES."

Bringing drama extraordinarily
real in its atmosphere and in its
problem, "Doctors' Wives," pic-
turizes the difficulties of mar-
riage.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



tal adjustment between an ambi-
tious young surgeon and his sus-
picious wife. The film is at the
King's Theatre now. Warner
Baxter and Joan Bennett, in the co-
featured leads, are said to be ide-
ally suited to the characterizations
of Doctor Judson Penning and
"Nina Wyndram."

The story revolves around the
romance of Baxter and Joan Ben-
nett, who are drawn together by
the death of Joan's father, "Dr.
Mark Wyndram," admirably por-
trayed in the picture by John St.
Polis. Baxter attends the last
moments of the father. Attracted
to the girl, he gives her employ-
ment as an assistant in his research
laboratory. Their marriage fol-
lows quickly. For a time, all is
happiness. Then Joan discovers
that it is his associates and assist-
ants, not herself, who share in
Baxter's work. Her growing sus-
picions are justified, so she thinks,
when she inadvertently enters
Baxter's private consultation room
one day to find "Vivian Crosby,"
enacted by Helene Millard, and
admitted admirer of Baxter, being
examined for a "heart trouble,"
which Joan knows cannot be cured
by medical science. In her agony
at having her suspicions confirmed,
she leaves the house without a
word to Baxter, and goes to the
apartment of "Dr. Kane Ruyter,"
eminent research worker and life-
long friend of Baxter, played by
Victor Varconi. One night at
Varconi's is enough to convince
Joan that this was not the way to
solve her problem.

Frank Borzage, the director of
"Doctors' Wives," has given to the
drama of the picture and the final
solution of their difficulties, the
understanding and keen sympathy
with human nature that has charac-
terized all his work since his im-
mortal "Seventh Heaven." How
Baxter and Joan finally work out
their destinies, happily, is said to
have given the screen a master-
piece. Helene Millard, Paul Por-
casi and Cecilia Loftus head the
supporting cast.

"LADIES OF THE BIG HOUSE."

More than fifty employees of the
Paramount studios in Hollywood
can now see their faces on the
screen, for the first time, in
"Ladies of the Big House," featur-
ing Sylvia Sydney and Gene Ray-
mond, a gripping romance love
drama with vivid sequences of pris-
on life, which will be at the King's
Theatre next Wednesday.

"A still cameraman accompanied
by Director Marion Gering, set up
an impromptu photograph gallery
by the entrance to the studio when
the picture was being made and
grabbed many of the workers as
they entered the studio. Some were
insulted when they learned the pic-
tures were to be used in the
rogues' gallery in the photoplay,
but most of them were amused.
Some carpenters, cameramen,
actors, electricians and press
agents proved the right types to re-
present desperate crime-hardened
prison convicts," said Gering.
When Gering looked over the proofs
he found one photo that particu-
larly appealed to him.

"If that man's an actor get him
for the death house scene," said
Gering to his assistant.

"He's not an actor," his assistant
replied.

"Maybe he'll play the part any-
way," Gering said.

"Maybe," conceded the assistant.

"Who is he?" asked Gering.

"It is you," replied his assist-
ant. "The camera man took it when
you weren't looking."

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" Heart	牛尾肥	lb.	30 28 18
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" Feet	牛尾肥	lb.	30 28 18
" Kidneys	牛尾肥	lb.	30 28 18
" Tail	牛尾肥	lb.	30 28 18
" Liver	牛尾肥	lb.	30 28 18
" Tripe	牛尾肥	lb.	30 28 18
Calves' Head & Feet	牛尾肥	lb.	30 28 18
Mutton Chop	牛尾肥	lb.	30 28 18
" Leg	牛尾肥	lb.	30 28 18
" Shoulder	牛尾肥	lb.	30 28 18
" Saddle	牛尾肥	lb.	30 28 18
Pig's Chittlings	牛尾肥	lb.	30 28 18
" Brains	牛尾肥	lb.	30 28 18
" Feet	牛尾肥	lb.	30 28 18
" Fry	牛尾肥	lb.	30 28 18
" Head	牛尾肥	lb.	30 28 18
" Heart	牛尾肥	lb.	30 28 18
" Kidneys	牛尾肥	lb.	30 28 18
" Liver	牛尾肥	lb.	30 28 18
Pork Chop	牛尾肥	lb.	30 28 18
" Leg	牛尾肥	lb.	30 28 18
" Loin	牛尾肥	lb.	30 28 18
" Fat or Lard	牛尾肥	lb.	30 28 18
Sheep's Head & Feet	牛尾肥	lb.	30 28 18
" Heart	牛尾肥	lb.	30 28 18
" Kidneys	牛尾肥	lb.	30 28 18
" Liver	牛尾肥	lb.	30 28 18
Sucking Pig, to order	牛尾肥	lb.	30 28 18
Suet, Beef	牛尾肥	lb.	30 28 18
" Mutton	牛尾肥	lb.	30 28 18
" Veal	牛尾肥	lb.	30 28 18
" Sausages	牛尾肥	lb.	30 28 18
" No. 1	牛尾肥	lb.	30 28 18

	1932.	1918.	1914.
	Cts.	Cts.	Cts.
Barbel	魚	lb.	56 15 24
Bream	魚	lb.	36 20 16
Canton Fresh Water	魚	lb.	36 20 16
Carp	魚	lb.	36 20 16
Catfish	魚	lb.	36 20 16
Codfish	魚	lb.	36 20 16
Crabs	魚	lb.	36 20 16
Cuttle Fish	魚	lb.	36 20 16
Dab	魚	lb.	36 20 16
Dace	魚	lb.	36 20 16
Dog Fish	魚	lb.	36 20 16
Eels, Conger	魚	lb.	36 20 16
" Fresh Water	魚	lb.	36 20 16
" Yellow	魚	lb.	36 20 16
Frogs	魚	lb.	36 20 16
Garoupa	魚	lb.	36 20 16
Gudgeon	魚	lb.	36 20 16
Herrings	魚	lb.	36 20 16
Halibut	魚	lb.	36 20 16
Labrus	魚	lb.	36 20 16
Loach	魚	lb.	36 20 16
Lobsters	魚	lb.	36 20 16
Mackerel	魚	lb.	36 20 16
Monk Fish	魚	lb.	36 20 16
Mullet	魚	lb.	36 20 16
Oysters	魚	lb.	36 20 16
Parrot Fish	魚	lb.	36 20 16
Pike	魚	lb.	36 20 16
Plaice	魚	lb.	36 20 16
Pomfret, White	魚	lb.	36 20 16
Pomfret, Black	魚	lb.	36 20 16
Prawns	魚	lb.	36 20 16
Ray	魚	lb.	36 20 16
Rock Fish	魚	lb.	36 20 16
Roach	魚	lb.	36 20 16
Salmon	魚	lb.	36 20 16
Shark	魚	lb.	36 20 16
Skate	魚	lb.	36 20 16
Shrimps	魚	lb.	36 20 16
Snapper	魚	lb.	36 20 16
Soles	魚	lb.	36 20 16
Tench	魚	lb.	36 20 16
Turbot	魚	lb.	36 20 16
Turtles, small fr. water	魚	lb.	36 20 16

Poultry.

	1932.	1918.	1914.
	Cts.	Cts.	Cts.
Chickens	雞	lb.	66 30 31
Capon, Small	雞	lb.	62 28 30
Capon, Large	雞	lb.	68 28 30
Duck	鴨	lb.	48 22 21
Doves	鴿	each	23 21
Eggs, Hen (cooking)	蛋	per doz.	38 18
Eggs, Hen (fresh)	蛋	per doz.	40 25 20
Fowls, Canton	雞	lb.	58 26 24
Fowls, Hainan	雞	lb.	58 26 24
Geese	鴨	lb.	45 24 24
Pigeons, Canton	鴿	each	55 80
" Hothow	鴿	each	45 29
Turkeys, Cook	雞	lb.	80
Turkeys, Hen	雞	lb.	70 61 45
Snipe	鴨	each	28
Pheasants	鴨	pair	2.25
Quail	鴨	each	40
Partridges	鴨	1.00	

Fruits.

	1932.	1918.	1914.
	Cts.	Cts.	Cts.
Almonds	杏仁	lb.	1.20 35
Apples (California)	金山蘋果	each	24 29
Bananas (bridge)	金山香蕉	each	6 4
Carambola	佛手	each	12
Cocoanuts	椰子	each	14 10 10
Lemons, China	檸檬	lb.	10 25 30
Lemons (American)	金山檸檬	each	12 8
Liches, Dried	荔枝干	lb.	1.00 25 80
Oranges (Canton)	新會橙	each	28
Oranges	新會橙	each	20 15
Pears (Canton)	沙梨	each	30
Peanuts	花生	each	14 10 12
Periwinkles, Large	紅柿	each	12
Plantain	大蕉	each	8
Pumpkin, Siam	鳳凰柚	each	15 12 8
Walnuts	胡桃	lb.	80
Grapes	番提子	each	60

Vegetables, &c.

	1932.	1918.	1914.
	Cts.	Cts.	Cts.
Artichokes	馬芝竹	each	12
Beans, Sprout	豆苗	lb.	6
" Long	豆苗	lb.	6
Beet Root	紅菜頭	each	12
Bitter Squash	青瓜	each	8 24
Brinjals, Green	青瓜	each	8 5 8
" Red	紅瓜	each	8 5 8
Cabbage, Chinese	大白菜	each	10
" (Shanghai)	上海白菜	each	12 12
Cane Shoots, bunch	菜薹	each	4
Caiflower (Large)	大花椰菜	each	30
" (Medium)	中花椰菜	each	25
" (Small)	小花椰菜	each	18 6 6
Carrots	紅蘿蔔	lb.	6 5 6
Celery, Chinese	青蔥	each	16 10 6
Chillies, Dried	紅辣椒	each	18 25 6
" Red	紅辣椒	each	14 10 10
" Green	青辣椒	each	8 8 12
Curry Stew, English	咖喱	each	16 8
Cucumbers	青瓜	each	2
Garlic	蒜頭	each	8 6 4
Ginger, Young	薑	each	10 7
" Old	薑	each	8 20
Horseradish, Shanghai	馬蹄	each	60 8 4
Indian Corn	玉米	each	10 45
Lettuce	生菜	lb.	6 1
Water Chestnuts	荸薺	each	12
" Mandarin	荸薺	each	14
Mushrooms, Fresh	蘑菇	each	1
Okros	豆苗	each	10 10
Onions, Bombay	洋蔥	each	10 8 8
" Green	青蔥	each	6 4 6
" Shanghai	上海蔥	each	8 6
Parsley	洋蔥	each	30 60 8
Potato, Sweet	甘薯	each	5 8
" Japanese	日本薯	each	3
" American	金山薯	each	3
Pumpkin	南瓜	each	5 4 4
Radish	紅蘿蔔	each	10
Rhubarb (Fresh)	紅苤菜	each	10
Spinach	菠菜	each	8
Spinach	菠菜	each	8
Tomatoes	番茄	each	12 4
Taro	芋頭	each	6 7
Turnip, Poni (Long)	蘿蔔	each	6 6
Vegetable Marrow	西蘭花	each	10 4
Water Cress	水芹	each	15 15
Water Lily Root	蓮藕	each	6 15

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A find such as rarely comes to
gold prospectors in the Australian
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a veteran "fossicker," Conrad
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the "strike" made by him and his

mate, Noel Stagg, in the almost in-
accessible ranges of Gippsland
yielded 61 ounces.

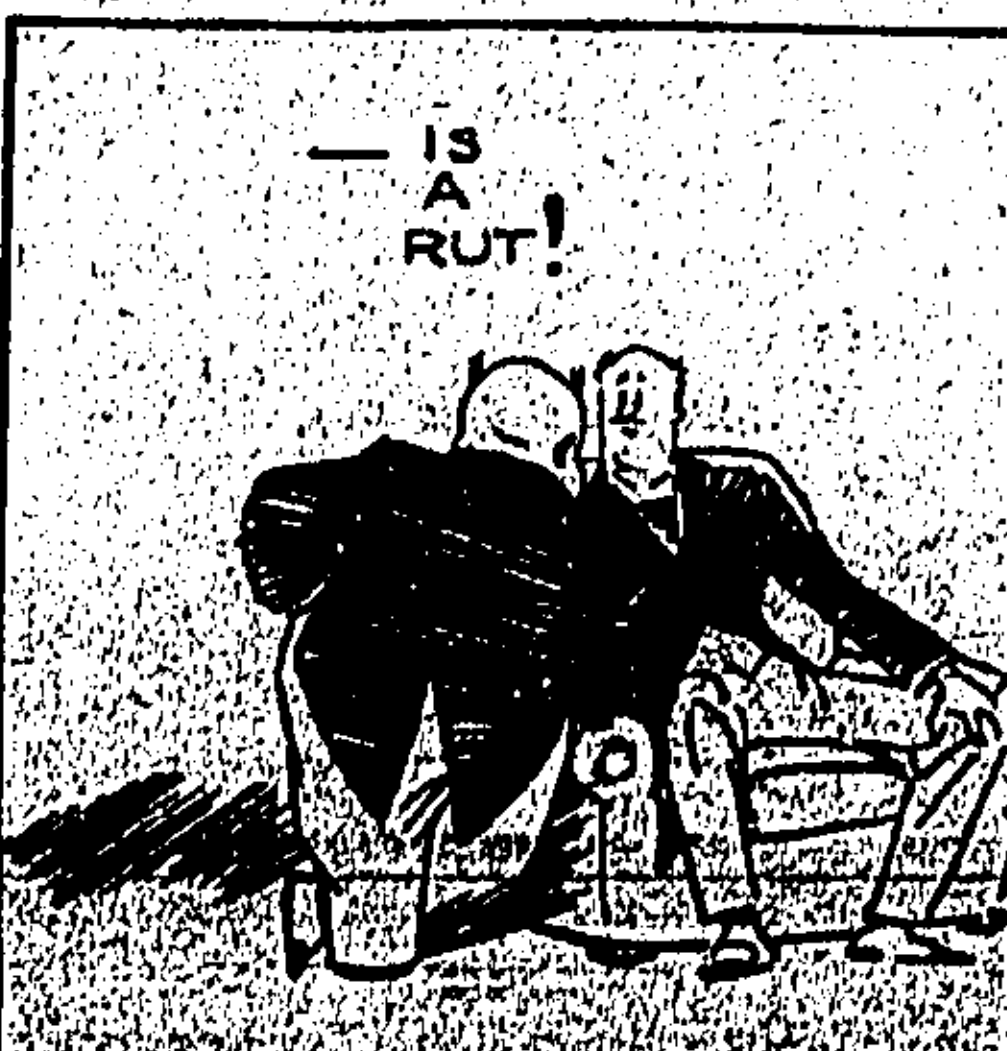
Olsen, a picturesque, white-
bearded bushman, has pushed his
wheelbarrow, containing his ba-
longings, for thousands of miles
over Australia during the 40 years
in which he has been searching for

gold. No sooner had he made the
"strike," which has been named the
"Baby Endeavour," than he sold it
to Stagg for \$1,000 after the first
crushing and went off with his
wheelbarrow to seek another
golden hoard elsewhere.

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BRITAIN AND THE SHANGHAI SITUATION

SIR JOHN SIMON MAKES CLEAR BRITISH POLICY

SUPPORT THE LEAGUE

BRING ABOUT PEACE — PROTECT LIVES AND PROPERTY OF BRITISH NATIONALS.

London, Yesterday.

The House of Commons was crowded to-night to hear Sir John Simon's reply to Mr. George Lansbury's request for a statement on the Shanghai situation.

The Secretary for Foreign Affairs stated that the principles of British policy were:

Firstly, that the British Government direct its full influence, in conjunction with other Powers, to support the moral authority of the League.

Secondly, Britain, from the beginning, had shown readiness to tender its good offices to end the horrible conflict.

Thirdly, the Government, in very special degree, was charged with the protection of British interests in China.

There was no part of the world, where it would be truthfully said, that these interests were embodied in the words "Peace Trade." Disturbances to peace did trade no good, and we did not seek to get trade through the boycott of other people.

Concluding, Sir John said, we have made the most complete arrangements for the security of life and property in the International Settlement, and the British Government's duty was to get the fighting stopped and bloodshed ended.

Referring to Mr. Lansbury's reference to the Chinese belief that some Powers were in alliance with Japan and had encouraged her action was, as far as he knew, utterly untrue.—Reuter.

A Fuller Report of the Debate.

Rugby, Yesterday.

Reviewing weekly developments in Shanghai, the Foreign Secretary (Sir John Simon) in the House of Commons expressed deep regret that, in spite of all efforts to prevent hostilities, serious fighting had broken out. Following the Chinese General's rejection of the Japanese ultimatum demanding, amongst other conditions, that the Chinese troops should begin to evacuate their positions in the vicinity of Shanghai before 7 a.m. on February 20, an offensive was launched by the Japanese early on that day.

"As reported in the Press, the Japanese troops have somewhat advanced their line in the neighbourhood of Kiangwan, between Chapel and Woosung, and fighting still continues. Up to the present there has been little fighting at Chapel or elsewhere in the immediate neighbourhood of the International Settlement. It is not anticipated that the evacuation of British women and

children from Shanghai will become necessary. Detailed arrangements have, however, been made against this eventuality. The only danger to the International Settlement at present is from stray shell fire. Sir Miles Lampson, in concert with his United States, French and Italian colleagues, has made representations to the Japanese and Chinese authorities protesting against any action which might lead to damage being inflicted on foreign life or property, and making every reservation in the matter."

Fuller Statement Later. Replying to the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. George Lansbury), Sir John Simon agreed that the question and answer afforded inadequate means of imparting information on a situation of this gravity, and agreed to make a rather fuller statement at a later stage.

Britain Will Not Recognise Independent Manchuria. Sir John Simon also said that the British Ambassador in Tokyo

WHAT THE ASSEMBLY MAY DO.

Political Commission to Report.

U.S.—RUSSIA—AND TURKEY TO BE REPRESENTED.

Geneva, Yesterday.

There is no question of America being invited to attend the special meeting of the League Assembly on March 3.

The report current to that effect was, apparently, due to the possibility of the United States, Soviet Russia and Turkey being invited to sit on the Commission which the Assembly is almost sure eventually to establish.

It is generally expected that the Assembly, after a brief general discussion, in which China and Japan will play the leading roles, will refer the issue to a Political Commission, on which every Power will have one delegate, for report.—Reuter.

CHINESE SOLIDITY.

National Government Spending Large Sums on Armaments.

PREPARING FOR A YEAR'S WARFARE.

Shanghai (11.30 p.m.).

Yesterday.

It is authoritatively stated that the National Government is preparing for a year's warfare against Japan and is buying large quantities of munitions and planes and importing trench-digging machines from Germany. The Government is spending large sums on these war preparations, stimulated by the manner in which the Nation is spontaneously and eagerly coming forward to support its efforts to see the war through to the bitter end, believing that the future of the Chinese Nation depends upon the result.—Reuter's Pacific Service.

TWO ARMED ROBBERIES.

At seven o'clock last night, six men, armed with revolvers and daggers, broke into the ground floor of 22, Shantung Street, and robbed a female visitor of personal articles, and stole money and jewellery to the total value of \$75.

Accountant Overpowered. At 4.30 o'clock this morning, three armed men, entered 56, Nam Sheung Street, Shamshui district. An accountant, who was asleep, was awakened by one of the men, who overpowered him. The robbers ransacked the premises, and decamped with property estimated at over \$350.

had been officially informed that if, as was probably true, an Independent State of Manchuria had been proclaimed, the British Government was no more likely to recognise it than any other Government. — British Wireless Service.



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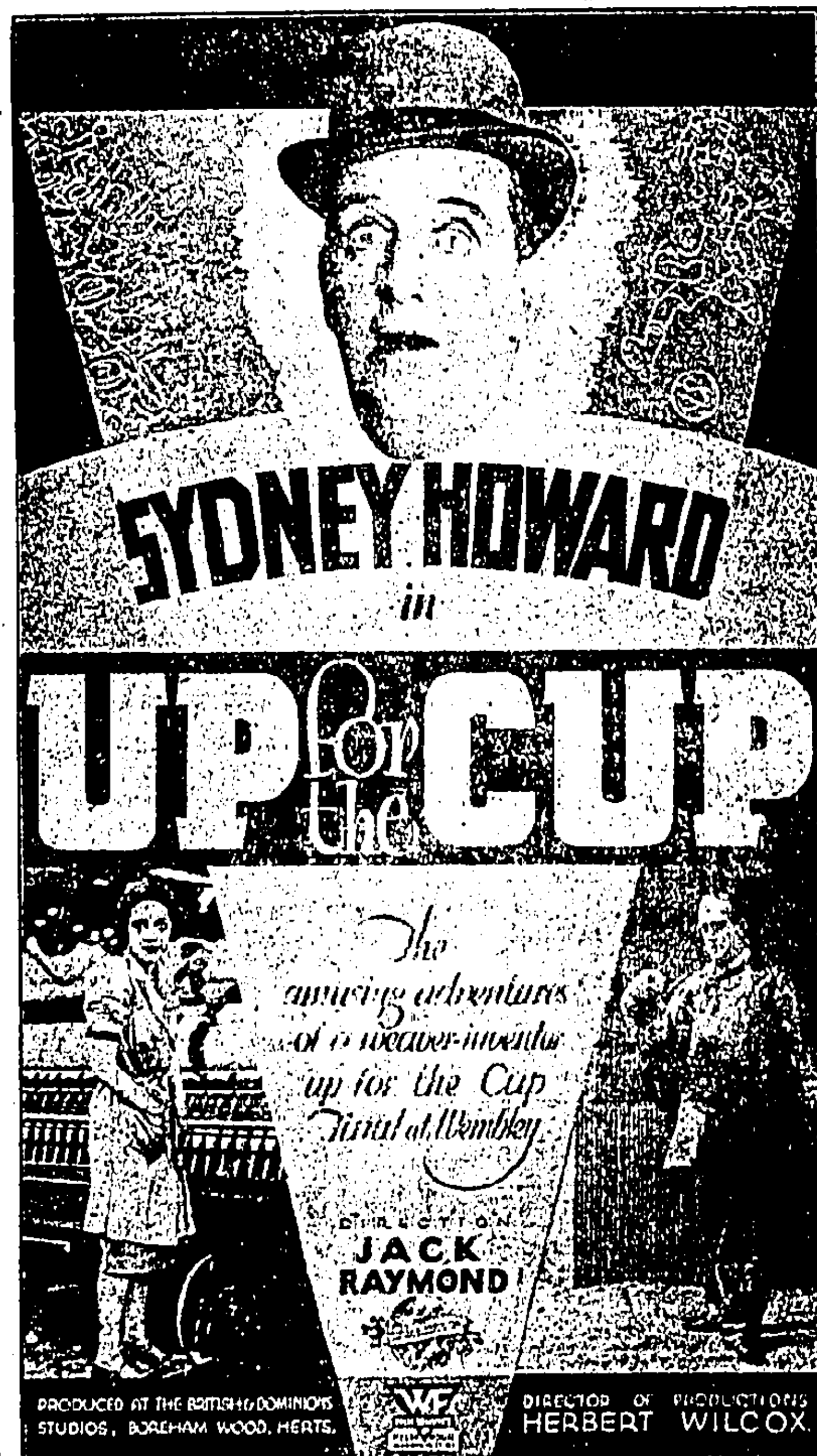
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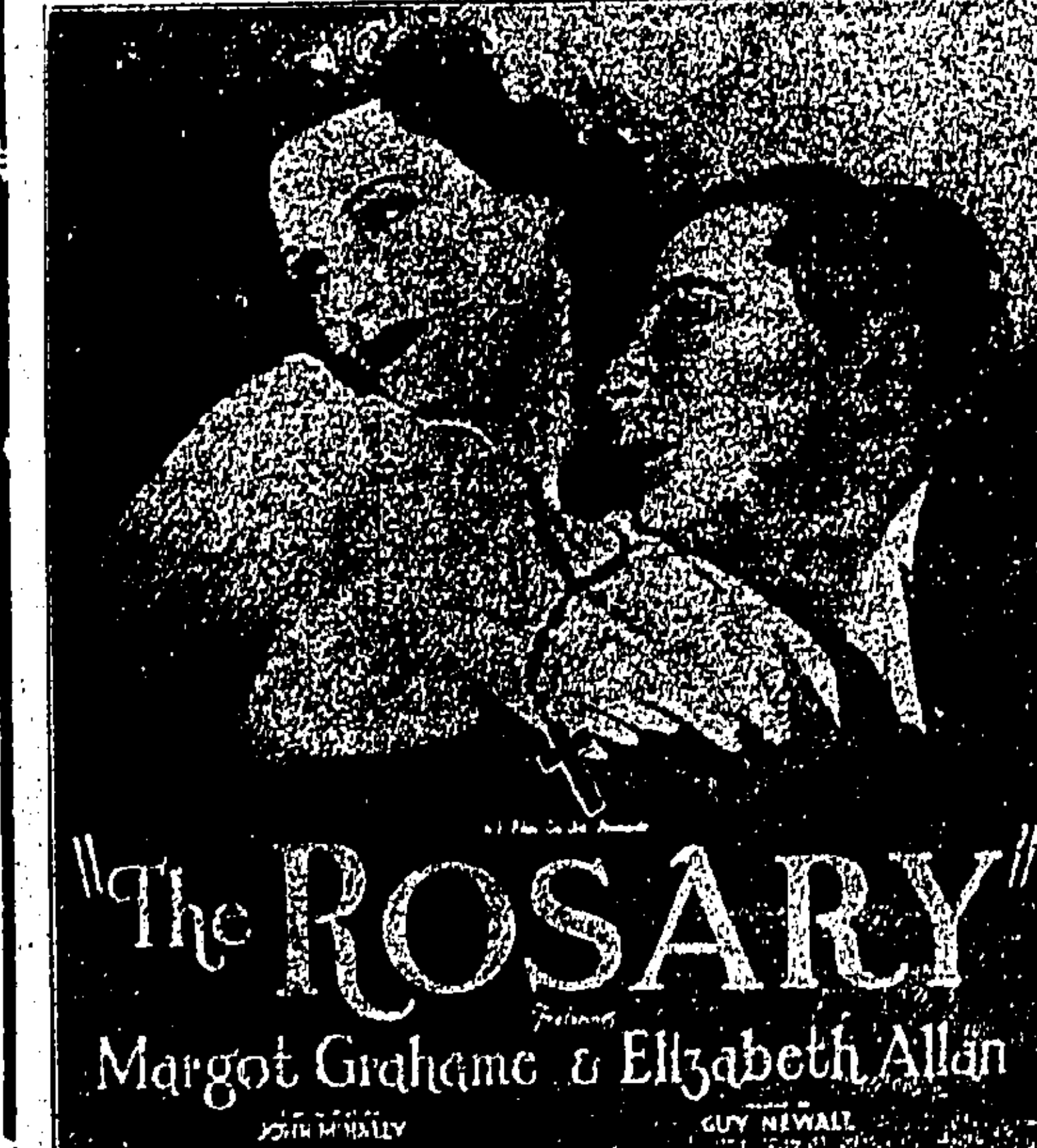
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